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*Father, Son
and Spirit
Christian
beginnings*
J118

The Holy Trinity,
in whose name we were baptized,
preserve us,
members of Christ,
children of God,
inheritors of the kingdom of heaven,
saved by the waters,
and filled with the Spirit.
**Glory to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Ascension
J119

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
and you are exalted as head over all.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

cf 1 Chronicles 29.11

*Church and
mission*
J120

Glory to God,
**whose power, at work among us,
can do infinitely more
than all we can ask or conceive;
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3.20,21

Heaven
J121

To him who is able to keep us from falling
and to present us without blemish
before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,
before all time and now and for ever.
Amen.

cf Jude 24,25

Sample Services

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Introduction

The sample services are of two types:

- 1 'Outlines', giving the basic headings and some suggested texts. These could form the basis of your own local service, but each also acts as an illustration of how to structure a service and how to choose resource material for a particular situation.
- 2 Fully 'worked out' services, printed in full. These illustrate how a service might be presented when printed out for the congregation. None of these are intended to be prescriptive in terms of layout, but they do illustrate different ways of handling headings, rubrics etc.

Some of these worked out services (such as the Service for Fathers' Day) are 'one-offs' that illustrate a unique situation and would not necessarily be of use in this particular form in any other context or at any other time.

Others are more 'standard' and have been deliberately designed to be as widely applicable as possible, for regular use across a range of different churches. Examples include: An Evening Service of the Word, For all the Church Family, etc. Where appropriate, these could be copied in this form for local use. The usual rules about reproduction for local use apply, as explained in the Archbishops' Council's booklet *A Brief Guide to Liturgical Copyright* (see page 481 for more information).

Each of the services includes a page of notes that explains the thinking behind the service and gives further suggestions.

Some of the services have been designed to work as non-eucharistic Services of the Word, whereas others have been constructed as Services of the Word with a Celebration of Holy Communion. In each case the one could be adapted to produce the other. In a few cases we have provided a non-eucharistic Service of the Word, with guidance in the notes about possible resources and structural changes if a eucharistic service is required.

Songs and hymns

In most of the sample services we have not indicated places for songs and hymns, as local custom will usually determine this. Where it is especially appropriate to include a hymn, song, or group of songs at a particular point in the service, we have indicated this, but these are only suggestions.

Posture

These samples include few indications of posture, to allow for maximum adaptability to local contexts. Where particular posture has become the local norm for a part of the service, it may help visitors if this is indicated clearly in the rubrics. Where posture varies it is best to omit it from the printed version and rely on clear verbal instructions.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is printed here on almost every occasion in its modern form. Churches producing their own orders of service can easily replace it with the traditional form if desired.

The Lord's Prayer is also sometimes printed with a 'cue line' (such as, 'As our Saviour taught us ...') and sometimes without. Where no cue line is given this allows the leader to use one which is suitable for the particular occasion, or a simple, 'Let us say the Lord's Prayer together', as appropriate.

Standard Non-Eucharistic Services

Morning Praise

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A non-eucharistic morning service, not necessarily 'all-age';
- ¶ Fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.

Hymns and songs

Possible points for these include:

- ¶ during an opening procession before the greeting or after the greeting;
- ¶ after the sermon or after the Creed;
- ¶ after the Collect.

Venite

The version printed here is from *Common Worship*. Other versions (for instance, a hymn or song based on Psalm 95, or text taken from a different Bible translation) could be used. Note, for instance, that there is a very free paraphrase in the Psalms and Canticles section of this book.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer is used in this service as an introduction to the prayers of intercession, 'setting the agenda for prayer'. The optional response in the intercessions,

Your kingdom come

Your will be done.

picks this up.

The Collect is used as the summary and conclusion of the prayers, and for this reason there is no ending to the intercessions (such as 'Merciful Father, accept these prayers ...').

Morning Praise

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

Greeting

The minister welcomes the people with a greeting, which may include

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister introduces the confession.

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Praise

Let everything be said and done in the name of the
Lord Jesus,

All **giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All **let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

All **and we shall praise your name.**

A canticle or song or responsory, which may include

Venite – a Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Word

A psalm or song based on a passage of Scripture may be used.

Reading(s)

After each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

This, or an authorized Affirmation of Faith, is used.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

One of these responses may be used

Your kingdom come.

All Your will be done.

(or)

Loving God, we look to you.

All Receive our prayer.

The Collect

The Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.

Conclusion

A blessing may be given.

The service ends with the Grace, or another ending.

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

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For all the Church Family

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A non-eucharistic service designed for use when all ages are present throughout;
- ¶ Fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.

This service follows the same structure as the Morning Praise sample service, but makes different choices of texts and uses headings of a different style.

Opening Prayer

If it is desired to make connections between this service and services of Holy Communion, the opening prayer printed here could be replaced by the Prayer of Preparation from *Common Worship* Order One.

Praise

The rubrics have been phrased to allow a hymn or songs either to *replace* or to *follow* the 'Blessed is the Lord ...' responses.

Readings

No responses have been printed after the readings. This would not necessarily mean that they could not be used.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer is used in this service to sum up the prayers of intercession.

The 'Lord in your mercy hear our prayer' response, and the concluding 'Merciful Father, accept these prayers ...' have been included as options to facilitate connections being made between this service and celebrations of Holy Communion. If these forms are not used in communion services, other choices could be made.

Dismissal

The use of 'Go in peace ...' is designed to connect with Holy Communion services. Other options could be used instead.

If it is desired to give a blessing, the section, 'Let us bless the Lord ...' should be omitted.

For all the Church Family

*We say together the words printed in **bold**.*

Gathering to worship God

Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Words of welcome and introduction may follow.

Opening Prayer

All **Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymns or songs may be sung.

Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.

Saying sorry to God

Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

Praise

These words may be said

Blessed is the Lord

All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All **and in our song we will praise our God.**

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Reading(s)

A psalm, hymn or songs may be sung between readings or before or after the Response.

Response

*This may include a sermon or talk, discussion, and activities for different age groups.
It continues with the Affirmation of Faith and the Prayers.*

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include one of these responses

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

**All Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.**

The prayers may end with

**All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Going out to serve God

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

This prayer may be said

Let us bless the Lord:
**All thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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An Evening Service of the Word

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A non-eucharistic evening service;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.

Hymns and songs

Suggested places have been indicated. Note that the second response in the Greeting section might need to be changed if a hymn or song precedes, rather than follows, the Greeting.

Penitence

Note that the confession and absolution have been used as part of the response to the Word, rather than at the beginning of the service.

Prayers

A form of prayers of intercession has been included. Other forms can be used. Thanksgiving could use set prayers (such as the General Thanksgiving (G57) or one of the sets of acclamations (G22–G55)) or might be an opportunity for extempore prayer if the size of congregation and acoustics of the building are suitable.

Creed

If this service forms the principal service on a Sunday or Principal Holy Day then one of the authorized Creeds or Affirmations of Faith would need to be included. It might be added to the response to the Word, coming after the Confession and Praise and before the Prayers.

An Evening Service of the Word

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

Greeting

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(or)

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

Hear us when we cry to you.

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

The Word

Praise

Psalm

A psalm, or a song or hymn based on a passage of Scripture, may be used.

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Response to God's Word

Sermon

Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.

Confession and Forgiveness

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

When the time had fully come
you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

All **In him the fullness of your glory dwells.**

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.

Prayers

Prayers of Thanks and Intercession

This, or some other form, may be used:

(We pray to the Lord:
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.)**

That the rest of this day may be holy,
peaceful and full of your presence;
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

That the work we have done and the people we have met today
may bring us closer to you;
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice;
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely,
oppressed and anxious;
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom;
in faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

God of mercy,

All **you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

The Collect

The prayer of the day is said.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

All **In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Song(s) or Hymn

Final Prayer

Sending Out

A blessing, the Grace or the sharing of the Peace may conclude the service, or these responses may be used

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
All **a light no darkness can quench.**
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
All **and the day is almost over.**
The darkness is not dark to you:
All **the night is as bright as the day.**
Let your light scatter the darkness:
All **and fill your church with your glory. Amen.**

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Communion Services

4

Christ is our Peace

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A Service of Holy Communion;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.

This straightforward order of service follows the basic structure of *Common Worship* Order One in a simple way, with minimal rubrics.

Eucharistic Prayer

- ¶ This order is suitable for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, E and G. The full text of the Eucharistic Prayer is *not* included. The order is not suitable in this form for use with Eucharistic Prayers D, F or H;
- ¶ Only one of the four memorial acclamations is included in this order of service.

Christ is our Peace

Praise

A Service of Holy Communion

We say together the words printed in **bold**.

We gather

Greeting

The minister welcomes the people with a greeting, which may include

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be used

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The president declares God's forgiveness.

This, or another song, may be said or sung

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

The president says the Collect, the prayer of the day.

We listen to God's Word

There will be two or three readings from the Bible.

The final reading is the Gospel. Psalms or songs may also be used.

Reading(s)

At the end of the reading(s) this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Before the Gospel reading this response may be used

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

The Apostles' Creed is used

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

We pray

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers of intercession may include the response

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

and may end with

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We share in Holy Communion

The Peace

After the introductory words

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

One of the authorized Eucharistic Prayers is used.

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president continues the prayer, praising God.

All join in the words

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

The prayer continues and may include this acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with

All Amen.
(or)
**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to receive communion.
Each communicant replies **Amen** to the words of distribution.*

After Communion

*The president may use a post communion prayer
and then this prayer may be said together*

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

We go out to serve God

A blessing may be given, and the service ends with

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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The Lord is Here

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A Service of Holy Communion;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Makes less 'standard' choices of texts and is likely to be suitable for regular, but probably not weekly, use.

Responsive style

The dominant style in this service is responsive. If the suggestions here are replaced with other options this should be borne in mind. The biddings during the intercessions should be kept brief in order to maintain this sense of movement.

Confession

A Kyrie form of confession has been included. Attention is drawn to the note in *Common Worship* (Note 10, page 331) which states that this form of confession 'should not be the norm on Sundays'.

Note that the absolution is followed by the acclamation, 'Thanks be to God'.

Gloria in Excelsis

The form printed here is designed for responsive speaking. If possible, a sung version or another song of praise should be used.

Gospel acclamation

A form of acclamation is suggested which is different from that in *Common Worship*.

The Peace

A standard introduction to the Peace has been used, but it has been turned into a responsive form.

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

The use of the 'With this bread that we bring ...' responses requires careful consideration of the practicalities. The leader's text here could be said by those bringing the bread and wine forward as they bring them – in which case care must be taken not to drown this out with a hymn at that point. Alternatively they could be said after any hymn either by those who have brought the elements forward, or by the president or another minister.

Eucharistic Prayer

Because of the responsive nature of the whole service, Prayer H has been chosen and is printed in full. Other suitable prayers that could be used (if printed) might include Prayers A (with optional responses), D or F. Alternatively, Prayers A, B or E could be used with a responsive thanksgiving from this book as a long Proper Preface.

After Communion

The 'Father of all ...' prayer has been used, not as printed in *Common Worship*, but turned into a responsive form.

The Lord is Here

A Service of Holy Communion

We say together the words printed in bold.

The Gathering

We meet in the name of God:

All **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

(or)

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All **bring strength, healing and peace.**

Silence is kept.

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Words of welcome or introduction may follow.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister invites the congregation to confession using this form or other suitable words

The Spirit of truth will convict the world
of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

All **We have grieved the Holy Spirit.**

In sorrow we confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Greeting

The Kyries are used, with penitential sentences inserted between each section

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive *us our sins*,
and bring *us* to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.
Amen.**

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.
The Collect is said, and all respond*

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

This response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm or canticle may follow the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used
between the readings.*

Gospel Reading

Praise the Lord.

All **Alleluia.**

A sentence from Scripture is added here.

Alleluia.

All **Praise the Lord.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

This, or some other, response may be used

In faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

All **In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

All **and builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung.

Preparation of the Table

This prayer at the preparation of the table may be said.

All With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

All With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

Jesus, Lamb of God,

All **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All **grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

This invitation is given

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

All **May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A hymn may be sung.

The Dismissal

This ending or a suitable blessing may be used

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

All **he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

All **he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

All **he will lead us in God's holy way.**

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.**

A minister may say

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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This is our Story

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A Service of the Word with Holy Communion;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Makes less 'standard' choices of texts and structure and is not intended for regular Sunday use.

Style and mood

The style of the service is generally informal.

The Gathering

This is seen as the time in the service to share news, including learning themes for adults and young people.

The Bible (or Gospel book) which is placed on the lectern could have been carried in by a member of the congregation (perhaps a child) and the responses could be led by that person before the Bible is placed on the lectern.

Candles on stands near the lectern could be lit. These could be moved to stand beside the holy table during the peace, when the focus of the service moves from lectern to table. If this is done, it is not appropriate to have candles alight on the holy table from the beginning of the service.

Opening Prayer

The responsive form printed could be replaced by the Prayer of Preparation from *Common Worship* Order One, or another suitable prayer.

Praise

The song of praise could be a version of the Gloria in Excelsis.

The Prayers

The prayers begin with the penitential material (which is used there, as part of the response to the Word, rather than at the beginning of the service) and then move on to intercession. The Lord's Prayer is used as the conclusion to the intercessions, and is used there rather than after the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer

This service is designed to use Prayer D, but another prayer could be used.

This is our Story

A Service of the Word with a Celebration of Holy Communion

We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering as the People of God

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ!
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

All

*The president introduces the service.
A hymn or song may be sung.*

Preparing for the Word

We worship with Christians near and far,
living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.

All

**May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

A Bible is placed on the lectern and candles near it are lit.

Sit. News and learning themes for different age groups are shared.

Opening Prayer

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

All

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

All

Receive our prayers
**that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.**

All

Praise

A song or hymn of praise is sung.

The Collect

*The president introduces a time of silent prayer and then says the Collect,
the prayer of the day.*

Proclaiming the Word of the Lord

Reading(s)

At the end of the reading(s) this response is used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gospel Reading

Before the Gospel reading this response is used

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Creed

The Apostles' Creed is used

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Praying for Ourselves

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All **Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president declares God's forgiveness.

Praying for Others

The prayers of intercession may include the response

In faith we pray.

All **We pray to you our God.**

and may end with

Lord of the Church:

All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Sharing at the Table of the Lord

The Peace

After the introductory words

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

The Eucharistic Prayer

One of the authorized Eucharistic Prayers is used.

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

All

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president continues the prayer, praising God.

All join in the words

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues, concluding with

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to receive communion.
Each communicant replies **Amen** to the words of distribution.*

The president may use a post communion prayer and then this prayer may be said together

All Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Going out to serve the Lord

A blessing may be given, and the service ends with

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Believe and Trust: Holy Communion with Baptism

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction (note that it does *not* include all the words required by the president);
 - ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.
This service is designed for use at the baptism of infants. It could be adapted for use with adult candidates.
The candidates with their parents, and also those who are the ministers in this service, will need careful preparation.
This form of the service is a fairly simple version of the Baptism service, within a celebration of Holy Communion, for use by the congregation. It may help to give the parents, godparents and others a copy of the service, in this simplified form, to study at home.
For the Baptism of Children at A Service of the Word (without a celebration of Holy Communion), see *Common Worship: Initiation Services*.
- #### Some points to note
- ¶ The presentation of the candidates has been placed in its alternative position, near the beginning of the service, rather than immediately before the Decision.
 - ¶ Other people – parents, sponsors, godparents – may be invited to sign the candidate with the cross.
 - ¶ Careful thought should be given to the location for each part of the service, and to the movement of ministers, parents, godparents and candidates to and from the font.
 - ¶ Some points are suggested for hymns, but they may come elsewhere. A hymn might be sung, for instance, while those taking part – or the whole congregation – move to the font.
 - ¶ Eucharistic Prayer E gives the opportunity for a short Eucharistic Prayer with a Proper Preface relating to baptism (see *Common Worship*, page 362), but Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C and G are also suitable for use with the service printed out in this form.
 - ¶ If there is a Blessing, it should come before the Giving of a Lighted Candle.

If a local leaflet is being produced for this service, it may be helpful to include the Pastoral Introduction to Holy Baptism from page 345 of *Common Worship*, which is printed below.

Pastoral Introduction

This may be read by those present before the service begins.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their life.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

Believe and Trust: Holy Communion with Baptism

Texts printed in bold without 'All' in the margin are spoken by candidates, parents and godparents alone.

Greeting

Singing, Scripture sentence, Greeting, Introduction or Prayer, which includes

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Presentation of the Candidate(s)

The candidate(s) may be presented to the congregation.

The president addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome *these children*
and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The president says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *these children* with joy.
Today we are trusting God for *their* growth in faith.
Will you pray for *them*,
draw *them* by your example into the community of faith
and walk with *them* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* begin *their* journey in faith.
You speak for *them* today.
Will you care for *them*,
and help *them* to take *their* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

The Collect

The president says the Collect.

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A psalm or scriptural song may follow.

When the Gospel reading is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading this response is used

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Decision

The president addresses the candidate(s) through the parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

A minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate(s) using these words

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

The president may invite parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross. When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The ministers and candidate(s) gather at the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The prayer over the water follows.

This response may be used

Saving God
All give us life.

The prayer ends

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

The president or another minister dips each candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The president says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Commission

A minister addresses the congregation, parents and godparents, and prays for them.

Prayers of Intercession

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

The congregation may greet the newly baptized.

The president introduces the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

These responses may be used

With this bread that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **We shall remember Jesus.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

(or)

The Lord is here.

All **and also with you.**

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

*The president recalls the Last Supper.
This acclamation may be used*

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]
**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Prayer continues and concludes
either*

All Amen.

(or)

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies Amen.
A prayer follows the distribution of communion.*

Giving of a Lighted Candle

*Each candidate may be given a lighted candle.
When they have each received a candle, the minister says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

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Seasonal Services

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Come, Lord Jesus: Holy Communion in Advent

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A Service of the Word with a Celebration of Holy Communion for use in Advent;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction (note that it does not include all the words required by the president).

Advent ring

A position is suggested for the lighting of appropriate candles on the Advent ring (if there is one). Other possible positions for this would be:

- ¶ after the sermon;
- ¶ before the peace;
- ¶ before the dismissal.

There are several different patterns of 'meanings' suggested for the four or five candles of the ring. Care needs to be taken that the congregation understands what the candles are signifying.

If words are said and a song sung, care is needed to maintain a sense of event.

A suggested pattern is:

- ¶ Congregation stands;
- ¶ Words are said (either words of explanation, or a sentence of Scripture, or a versicle and response);
- ¶ Candle is lit;
- ¶ Song is sung.

Where the Collect follows, the congregation remain standing in silence before the president prays the Collect.

Intercessions

The response printed is F73 from the intercessions ('We pray for the coming of God's kingdom ...'), but any form of intercessions could be used with the same response.

Eucharistic Prayer

This order is suitable as printed, for use with Prayers A, B, C, E and G, though Prayer G does not allow for a seasonal Proper Preface.

Come, Lord Jesus

A Service of the Word with a Celebration of Holy Communion in Advent

We say together the words printed in bold.

The Gathering

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

One of these sentences may be used

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people. *Isaiah 52.9*

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, and
the king of glory shall come in. *Psalm 24.7*

Watch at all times, praying for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man. *Luke 21.36*

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing
near. *Luke 21.28*

Our Lord says 'Surely I come quickly.' Even so; Come, Lord Jesus.
Revelation 22.20

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The president declares God's forgiveness.

Advent Ring

If there is an Advent ring, candles on it may be lit at this point.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

After each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

This, or another psalm or scriptural song, may be used

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.
Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All **My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Affirmation of Faith

This, or a creed or other authorized Affirmation of Faith is used

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response is used

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom, saying:

Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

The prayers conclude

Lord of the Church

All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer may be said here or after the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All **The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

If the Service of the Word is to end here, the Dismissal takes place here.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

This prayer may be used

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. (or) The Lord is here.
All **And also with you. His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts, ending

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

The president recalls the Last Supper.

This acclamation may be used

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The Prayer ends

All Amen.

(or)

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said here if not already used.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei ('Lamb of God') may be said or sung.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

One or both of these prayers may be said

Loving Father,
your Son Jesus Christ has come to us
in word and Spirit, in bread and cup.
Make us holy
and bring us to perfection,
when we stand before him
as he comes to judge the living and the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
we may shine like lights before his face;
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

These words may be said

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

The president may use this seasonal blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy;
and keep you all safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Peace to God's People: Holy Communion during the Christmas Season

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A service of Holy Communion for use at and after Christmas;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction (note that it does *not* include all the words required by the president).

Response

The response

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
and we have seen his glory.

is used in several places in the service as a common thread.

Prayers of Intercession

A suitable seasonal form should be chosen (for example F53) and any response clearly explained to the congregation.

Eucharistic Prayer

This order is suitable as printed, for use with Prayers A, B, C, E and G, though Prayer G does not allow for a seasonal Proper Preface.

Prayer after Communion

This prayer has been printed as a presidential prayer, but the congregation could be invited to join in with it if desired.

Blessing

If a blessing is required, a suitable seasonal form could be used.

Peace to God's People

Holy Communion during the Christmas Season

We say together the words printed in bold.

The Greeting

I bring you good news of great joy:
All **a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.**

Unto us a child is born,
All **unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
All **We worship and adore him. Alleluia.**

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
All **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

All and we have seen his glory.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Reading(s)

After each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
All and we have seen his glory.

When the Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

This response may follow the sermon

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
All and we have seen his glory.

Affirmation of Faith

This, or another authorized Affirmation of Faith or Creed, is used

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
All and we have seen his glory.

A hymn may be sung.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung.

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
This prayer may be said*

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. *(or)* The Lord is here.
All **And also with you.** **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts, ending with

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

The president recalls the Last Supper.

This acclamation may be used

Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The Prayer ends

All **Amen.**

(or)

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to communion.

When the bread and wine are received each communicant replies

All **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

This prayer may be said

Son of Mary, Son of God,
we have joined the worship of the angels;
may we never lose that heavenly vision.
Like the shepherds,
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;
help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,
to your praise and glory.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

A blessing may be given.

This response is used

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
and we have seen his glory.

All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Light to the World: Holy Communion in Epiphany

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A Service of the Word with a celebration of Holy Communion for use in the period between the Epiphany and the Presentation of Christ (Candlemas);
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction (note that it does *not* include all the words required by the president).

General

Because this is a service for the season of Epiphany, rather than the Feast of the Epiphany, the particular texts chosen reflect the general themes of 'revelation' and light, rather than focusing on the more specific Epiphany themes of the wise men, the baptism of Christ or the miracle at the wedding at Cana.

Points to note:

- ¶ The Gloria takes the place of the opening hymn;
- ¶ The prayers of penitence are in the alternative place before the prayers of intercession, to allow people to respond to God's word.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Light to the World

Reading(s)

Holy Communion in Epiphany

We say together the words printed in **bold**.

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
All **Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
All **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
All **O praise the name of the Lord!**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

After each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

*This, or some other, authorized Affirmation of Faith, or a Creed,
may be used*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president declares God's forgiveness.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers may conclude

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer may be said here or after the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The service may end here with Blessing and Dismissal.

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

This prayer may be said

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts, ending with

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

The president recalls the Last Supper.

This acclamation may be used

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer ends

All Amen.

(or)

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer should be said here if it has not been used earlier.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei ('Lamb of God') may be said or sung.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,
and bring you to see God at work;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace.
**All We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Amen.**

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In Penitence and Faith: a Service in Lent

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A non-eucharistic service for use in Lent;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use, though not for every Sunday in Lent.

The Beatitudes

The Beatitudes here are used as part of the preparation for the service rather than part of the fuller penitential material which occurs later in the service. They can be enhanced by the use of two voices, one taking the first half of each Beatitude and the other responding with the second half.

The version printed here is the *Common Worship* form, but another form or a different Bible translation could be used.

As an alternative, the 'comfortable words' could be used.

Psalm

A version of Psalm 130 is printed in the order of service (another version, or a different psalm could be used instead). This is intended to give the congregation a chance to become familiar with one particular psalm, which has a seasonal 'flavour'.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei is suggested as part of the preparation for confession. Where a congregation is familiar with a sung setting from the Eucharist, this should be used. If not, a setting could be learnt, or a suitable simple penitential song could be sung instead.

Affirmation of Faith

Placing this in the concluding part of the service helps make the shift from the penitential mood of the rest of the service to preparing to go out into the world full of faith and hope.

Final Prayer

This could be used as a congregational prayer.

In Penitence and Faith

A Service of the Word in Lent

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

The Greeting

The Lord our redeemer be with you
and also with you.

Further words of welcome and introduction may be given.

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

The Beatitudes

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silence is kept.

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash away all my iniquity
All and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
All and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
All and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Reading(s)

After each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

This psalm is used between the readings

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.
Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All My hope is in God's word.

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All My hope is in God's word.

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All My hope is in God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All My hope is in God's word.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All My hope is in God's word.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All My hope is in God's word.

The president declares God's forgiveness in these or other authorized words

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

All Lord, meet us in the silence:
and hear our prayer.

The Collect

The Collect is said.

Conclusion

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Final Prayer

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Christ is Risen: a Service in Easter

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A non-eucharistic service for use in the weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Designed to be suitable for regular use.

This service is not designed for Easter Sunday itself (though it could form the basis of any non-eucharistic service on that day), but to meet the need for something that keeps the Easter flavour in the Sundays of the Easter season.

Opening Acclamation

The acclamation which is used as the greeting is also used (with an additional clause) as an acclamation of praise immediately prior to the dismissal (which, in this case, is the Peace). The service is therefore sandwiched between two great acclamations of the resurrection of Christ.

Penitence

The prayers of penitence could be led from the Easter candle. Children could be invited to gather there with the minister leading that part of the service.

Gloria in Excelsis

This is used as part of the concluding praise. If it is not used (or is said, rather than sung) a hymn or song of praise may be added.

The Peace

The Peace is used here as the dismissal. Other options could be used if this were not appropriate.

Combining the service with Holy Communion

If on occasion this service is combined with Holy Communion, the Gloria in Excelsis and the Praise acclamation that follows it should be moved to form part of the Post Communion and Dismissal respectively. The Peace would then lead into the preparation of the table and the Eucharistic Prayer.

If desired, the Lord's Prayer could be moved to come after the Eucharistic Prayer.

Christ is Risen

A Service of the Word in Easter

We say together the words printed in bold.

The Greeting

The minister greets the people and says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening Prayer

All **Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said.

After each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

This Affirmation of Faith or an authorized Creed is used

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

A hymn may be sung.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Jesus, Lord of life:

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

This song may be said or sung

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Praise

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

All **He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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Special Days and Occasions

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A Service for St Valentine's Day

Notes

Type of service

- † Non-eucharistic;
- † A fully worked out example, *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

Aim

To reflect on the sacrificial love of God in Christ as an example for the human love between men and women.

Introduction

It is important to capture something of God's love, as well as the celebration of human love, at the start of the service. The 'further words of introduction' might, for instance, include something like:

This is the day when we celebrate the martyrdom of St Valentine, in Rome around AD 269 under the Emperor Claudius. There is nothing to connect his death with the choosing of a 'Valentine' of the opposite sex, other than that it coincided with a rather jolly Roman pagan festival in mid-February.

Sharing experiences

As part of the response to the readings, and possibly as part of the sermon, there might be an opportunity to interview one or two people with a particular story to tell about how God has brought them together, or deepened their love, or overwhelmed them with his love in Christ.

The Peace

The service moves towards a climax at the Peace. This needs careful introduction, perhaps focusing on that unity in Christian fellowship, because of what Christ has done for us, of which St Paul speaks in the introductory words. People should also be encouraged to greet one another in whatever way is most natural and comfortable for them – and for those they are

greeting! The more adventurous worship planners might want to provide some symbol – coloured paper hearts, or flowers, for example, which members of the congregation might give to one another as reminders of the love and generosity of God.

Marriage Vows

It may be a good occasion on which to combine this service with some of the material for the Renewal of Marriage Vows in the Thanksgiving for Marriage section of *Common Worship: Pastoral Services*, page 184ff. The concluding congregational prayer is – slightly amended – from that service. One of the prayers from the *Common Worship* Marriage Service, placed where it will sum up the Intercessions and prepare for the Peace, is used in place of a collect.

A Service for St Valentine's Day

This sample service is *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

Greeting

Praise God! For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!

All **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.**

Happy are those who have been invited
to the wedding-feast of the Lamb.

All **Amen. Praise the Lord!**

Further words of welcome and introduction follow.

Praise

A hymn or song of praise may be sung.

Confession

The minister may introduce the confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence may be kept.

(Come, let us return to the Lord and say)

All **Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Word

Psalm

A psalm, or a song or hymn based on a passage of Scripture, may be used.

Reading(s)

This acclamation may herald a reading from the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
God is love;
let us love one another
as God has loved us.

All **Alleluia.**

At the end of each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Response to God's Word

Sermon

Song(s) or Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

This Affirmation of Faith, or the Apostles' Creed, or another authorized Affirmation of Faith is used

Let us declare our faith in God:

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
as we pray in the words you gave us

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

This form, or some other form, may be used

(We pray for the family of the Church,
for loving relationships, and for the life of families around us, saying
Jesus, Lord of love,

All **in your mercy, hear us.)**

Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee,
be with families today who are poor
and live in hunger and want ...

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you grew in wisdom and in favour with God and the people
in the family of Joseph the carpenter,
bring wisdom and the presence of God
into the work and growth of families today ...

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you blessed marriage in the wedding at Cana,
be with those preparing for marriage
and with those who come to the end of their resources ...

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you healed Peter's mother-in-law,
bring healing to those in our families who are ill today ...

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary and John
to care for one another,
provide today for those who lose their families:
the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows ...

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you ate breakfast on the beach with your disciples
after you were raised from the dead,
bring the whole Church on earth and in heaven
into your risen presence to eat at the eternal banquet.

Jesus, Lord of love,
All **in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers and be with us always.
Amen.**

The Collect

God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Ending

The minister may introduce the Peace with these words

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The Peace

Song(s) or Hymn

Concluding Prayers

Eternal God, we offer our thanks that through our earthly lives
you speak of your eternal life.
We rejoice in the wonder of creation,
the gift of human life
and the many blessings that our relationships bring.
Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit;
that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Heavenly Father,
We offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending Out

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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A Service for Mothering Sunday

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ Non-eucharistic, with suggestions for combining with Holy Communion;
- ¶ A fully worked out example, *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

A good deal will depend on whether this service is intended to be the main Sunday service for the Fourth Sunday of Lent or a 'special' service at some other time on that day.

Acclamation

The acclamation

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

is used throughout the service as a unifying thread.

Using different voices

In the section 'Praising and thanking God' the acclamations may be led by different voices from different parts of the church building. If a large candle is lit at this point the first section is used. A child might be invited to light the candle. Alternatively, a candle might be lit at the absolution.

Sharing experiences

The chance to let members of the congregation speak of their experiences and their faith can be an excellent way of connecting the worship to the rest of life, and can especially help visitors to see how our faith is worked out in practice. Before the sermon (or as part of it) it might be possible and appropriate to include such an element of 'testimony'. This might include, for instance:

- ¶ asking a pregnant woman to talk about the frustration and excitement of waiting for a baby to be born, or a new mother to describe the difference being a mother has made to her life and her faith;
- ¶ inviting someone to share (sensitively) their experience of having a mother who let them down badly, and the difference that knowing God's love has made to them;

- ¶ inviting a grandmother to speak about what it is like to be a grandparent, including any advice she has for new parents, or any things she wishes she had done differently when her children were young.

It might be particularly appropriate to conclude such sharing with the Affirmation of Faith.

The giving of flowers or other gifts

It is important that this element of the service is conducted with sensitivity towards those present who do not have children.

In addition to the giving of gifts of flowers (or other gifts) to mothers in the congregation, it may be appropriate to place flowers near a statue of Mary, the mother of our Lord.

Posture needs to be thought through beforehand. If the response at the beginning of the section is led by children it would be easier to see them if everyone sits. It is probably better if everyone remains seated for the giving of the flowers or other gifts, and the mothers (or all the women) stand for the **Thank you** ... prayer at the end. Of course local custom and architecture may suggest another arrangement.

Combining the service with Holy Communion

If the service is to be eucharistic it could follow this order:

The Gathering

- ¶ Including the 'Praising and Thanking God' and Confession material.

The Liturgy of the Word

- ¶ This might include the Song of Saint Anselm, the Affirmation of Faith and the Prayers of Intercession;
- ¶ This Gospel Acclamation could be used before the Gospel reading:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

- ¶ The Peace is introduced using the suggested words, or another suitable introduction;
- ¶ Eucharistic Prayer G is particularly appropriate;
- ¶ The Prayer for Mothers could be included after the Post Communion prayers.

Dismissal

- ¶ Use suggested material.

A Service for Mothering Sunday

This sample service is *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

We say together the words printed in bold.

A hymn or song may be sung.

Greeting

This acclamation may be used as part of the greeting

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

Praising and Thanking God

[A large candle may be lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

All **Blessed be God for ever.]**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children;

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Confession

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

If a candle was not lit earlier, it might be lit at this point.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A hymn of praise may be sung.

The Collect

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

The Collect for Mothering Sunday is said.

Reading(s)

At the end this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

This canticle, or some other appropriate hymn, song or canticle, may be used

A Song of St Anselm

This refrain may be used at the beginning and end of the canticle and, in addition, between verses or groups of verses.

All **Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

- 1 Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; ♦
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
- 2 Often you weep over our sins and our pride, ♦
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
- 3 You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, ♦
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
- 4 Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; ♦
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

- 5 Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; ♦
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
- 6 Your warmth gives life to the dead, ♦
your touch makes sinners righteous.
- 7 Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; ♦
in your love and tenderness remake us.
- 8 In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, ♦
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

Sermon

A hymn or song may be sung.

Affirmation of Faith

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

This, or another Creed or authorized Affirmation of Faith is used

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

After each section this response may be used

God of love,

All **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Loving God, accept the cries of our heart as we offer you prayers;
through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all.
We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The congregation share the Peace.

A hymn or song may be sung.

Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Children may lead the following responsory

For the care of mothers;

All Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;

All Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;

All Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing;

All Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;

All Thanks be to God.

Other words of thanksgiving may be added as appropriate.

Hymns or songs of praise may be sung during the distribution of flowers to the congregation.

At the end of the distribution of flowers we all say this prayer. Everyone sits except mothers, who are asked to remain standing.

**All Thank you God for the love of our mothers;
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared for us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

A hymn or song may be sung.

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A Service for Fathers' Day

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ Non-eucharistic;
- ¶ A fully worked out example, *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

The Ten Commandments

The Commandments have been included for their reference to 'obeying your father and mother'. Care needs to be taken that their inclusion does not make the service feel too 'heavy', especially if many visitors have been invited and the overall feel of the service is one of celebration. The Commandments have been included here in a brief form, with only two responses. They could further be 'lightened' by the use of different voices, or by the careful choice of a different Bible translation from which they could be taken.

Sharing experiences

The chance to let members of the congregation speak of their experiences and their faith can be an excellent way of connecting the worship to the rest of life, and can especially help visitors to see how our faith is worked out in practice. Before the sermon (or as part of it) it might be possible and appropriate to include such an element of 'testimony'. This might include, for instance:

- ¶ asking a new dad to describe the difference being a father has made to his life and his faith;
- ¶ inviting someone to share (sensitively) their experience of having a father who let them down badly, and the difference that knowing God's love has made to them;
- ¶ inviting a grandfather to speak about what it is like to be a grandparent, including any advice he has for new parents, or any things he wishes he had done differently when his children were young.

It might be particularly appropriate to conclude such sharing with the Affirmation of Faith.

Giving gifts to fathers

If you intend to give symbolic gifts (or cards) to fathers, this might appropriately happen at the end of the prayers of intercession. This element of the service needs to be conducted with sensitivity. Music might be played or a hymn or song be sung while this takes place. Fathers present might be asked to stand during the prayer, 'Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus ...'.

A Service for Fathers' Day

This sample service is *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Further words of welcome and introduction follow.

Greeting

Praise

This responsory may be used, and/or a hymn or song of praise may be sung (if a hymn has not preceded the Greeting)

See what love the Father has given us
All **that we should be called the children of God.**

You are my sons and daughters:
this day have I begotten you.

All **See what love the Father has given us.**

As many as received him,
to them he gave power to become the children of God.

All **See what love the Father has given us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **See what love the Father has given us
that we should be called the children of God.**

The Collect

The minister introduces a time of silent prayer, which concludes with the Collect.

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God;
you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall not make for yourself any idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness.
You shall not covet.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

Silence may be kept.

Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him

All **Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Word

Psalm

A psalm, or a song or hymn based on a passage of Scripture, may be used.

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Response to God's Word

Sermon

Song(s) or Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

This Affirmation of Faith, or the Apostles' Creed, or another authorized Affirmation of Faith is used

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

This form, or some other form, may be used

Sovereign Lord,
your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

You have made your Church a spiritual family,
a household of faith.

Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ.
Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life
as a ransom for the whole human family.
Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth.
Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them,
and to live sensitively within them.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.
Bring love and joy to all who are alone.
Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living.
In confidence we remember those of the household of
faith who have gone before us.
Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.
Father of all

All **hear your children's prayer.**

This or some other prayer of thanksgiving may be used

Blessed are you Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

All **[Blessed be God for ever.]**

You father us from all eternity giving life to creation
and pouring your love into all you have made.

All **[Blessed be God for ever.]**

From the beginning we have known you as 'Father',
and all our families have their origin in you.

All **[Blessed be God for ever.]**

Through the love of earthly fathers you give us a glimpse
of your everlasting love.

Their guidance and wisdom reveal to us the eternal life of heaven.

All **[Blessed be God for ever.]**

In following their example we become more like you,
growing into the people your heart longs for us to be.

All **[Blessed be God for ever.]**

May the love of our fathers draw us ever nearer to you
and perfect in us the image of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*If symbolic gifts are to be distributed to fathers, this should take place
before the following prayer*

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless *all fathers*
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

All **Amen.**

Ending

Song(s) or Hymn

Final Prayer

All **In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending Out

*A blessing, the Grace or the sharing of the Peace may conclude the service, or these
responses may be used*

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
All **he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
All **he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
All **he will lead us in God's holy way.
To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.**

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Harvest (outline)

Notes

Type of service

¶ An outline, with suggestions for resources to use within it.

This shows a possible structure for a service in which the 'talk' (in whatever form it takes) is divided into three short sections, one in each of the three main sections of the service.

Harvest

Greeting

A suitable greeting would be A26

God is good ...

Hymn

Bible Reading 1

Talk part 1

Canticle or other Song of Praise

For instance, the version of the Benedicite D30

Glory to God above ...

or the response from G25 could be used

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe ...

Collect

Talk part 2

[Sentence of Scripture]

G1 or another suitable sentence

[Rejoice in the Lord always ...]

Confession

B56 might be used with an appropriate absolution

We confess to you our lack of care ...

Song, Hymn or Psalm

For instance, this version of Psalm 66 (D9)

Let the praises of God ring out ...

[Bible Reading 2]

Talk part 3

[Affirmation of Faith]

This Affirmation of Faith may be used (Affirmation 1, E6)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life ...

Song or Hymn

Intercessions

For instance, the form F47

Let us pray to God, that he will bring to fruition ...

The Lord's Prayer

Song or Hymn

Blessing or Dismissal

If a blessing is given, this form may be suitable (J69)

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ...

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A Saint's Day: a Celebration of St Luke

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ Non-eucharistic;
- ¶ A fully worked out example, *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

Different kinds of saints

Each saint is different. While we always need to remember we are worshipping God our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, the life of the saint concerned, and the gift he or she brought to the Church, should guide the theme and direction of the worship.

This particular service has been built around a celebration of the Feast of St Luke, evangelist and doctor. Over the centuries his feast day has been an opportunity for the Church to focus on its healing ministry, so following this tradition an opportunity for the thanksgiving for the healing ministry of the Church has been incorporated into the service. Note 8 on page 58 of *Common Worship* applies. (See also pages 439–442 below.)

However, some saints are missionaries, others teachers, others bishops, others martyrs and so on. The content, style and ethos of each service should reflect the saint who is being celebrated. For example, if the saint is a martyr, the service might focus on commitment and use elements from the Thanksgiving for Baptism.

Exciting Holiness (Canterbury Press, 1997) may be used as a suitable resource for details of the saints and suggested texts for use with their celebrations.

The presentation of the life of the saint

This may vary from a simple comment by the leader, or some other suitable person, to a dramatic presentation of the saint's life by a number of people.

The first reading

This may be about the saint concerned or from his own writings but it should not repeat the points made in the introduction. Alternatively, it may be an Old Testament or New Testament reading.

The response to God's word

This should include an authorized Affirmation of Faith, a confession if one has not been used earlier in the service, and intercession, and may include some symbolic action relating to the life, ministry and gifting of the saint being celebrated. For example, this service celebrating St Luke incorporates an opportunity for the ministry of healing.

A Celebration of St Luke

This sample service is *not* intended to be reproduced locally in this particular form.

Preparation

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

All **Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Song or Hymn

Greeting

*The leader greets the people with a suitable greeting.
Informal greetings may also be included.*

A brief explanation of the life of the saint may be offered.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

All **Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister introduces the confession with these words

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Silence for reflection

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The minister says the absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Song of Praise

related to the saint

The Collect

for St Luke's Day

The Word

Reading(s) from the Bible

At the end of each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn, Song, Psalm or Canticle

Verses from Psalm 34

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

All **O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

All **O magnify the Lord with me.**

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;
he heard me and saved me from my troubles.

All **Let us exalt his name together.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

Sermon

Response to God's Word

Song(s) or Hymn

Thanksgiving for the Healing Ministry of the Church

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All **and forget not all his benefits;**

Who forgives all your sins

All **and heals all your infirmities;**

Who redeems your life from the Pit;

All **and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.**

This prayer of thanksgiving may be said

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness.

In Jesus Christ you proclaim good news to the poor,
liberty to captives, sight to the blind
and freedom for the oppressed.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing life and health, wholeness and peace.

In the renewal of our lives
you make known your heavenly glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Affirmation of Faith

This or another authorized Creed or Affirmation of Faith may be used.

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions for those in need and those who care for them may be offered in this or another form

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we make our prayer to you, saying,
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to all who seek you
the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick
that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to all who minister to the suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
and lift up all who are brought low.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Hear us, Lord of life.

All Heal us, and make us whole.

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew all your people
with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayer for Healing

The Ministry of Healing may take place here using these or other suitable prayers. Hymns and songs may be sung during the prayers.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

The laying on of hands may be administered using the authorized words on page 52 of Common Worship or other suitable words.

If anointing is administered by an authorized minister, the authorized words on pages 52–53 of Common Worship or other suitable words may be used.

This prayer concludes the Ministry of Healing

The almighty Lord,
who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him,
whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey,
be now and evermore your defence.
May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven
given for health and salvation
is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ whose death brings healing.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life and strength.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Song(s) or Hymn

Conclusion

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing ...

All **Amen.**

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Facing Pain: a Service of Lament

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ Non-eucharistic;
- ¶ An example of a 'one-off' service, *not* designed to be used without adaptation.

This service will need to be adapted to the particular circumstance that has caused the community to lament. It might be the passing of someone significant in the community; a major incident resulting in death, which affects many people; the effects of an industrial policy; or something of that kind.

Use of symbols and actions

If appropriate, and possible, something that symbolizes the event might be brought in and placed on or near the Holy Table, or in some other appropriate place, during the opening hymn.

A cross should be prominent.

The ministers could enter in silence.

Naming the departed

If there are deaths related to the event, the names of the deceased should be read out individually. A place for this to happen is indicated in the text. For each of the deceased a candle might be lit. A light could be taken from the Easter candle or some other large candle and a small candle lit as each of the names is read out.

The Candle of Hope

If a candle is lit at the section headed 'Proclamation of Hope', it could be carried at the front of any formal procession at the end of the service.

Affirmation of Faith

Because a service like this might not be the principal service of the day, and might well not take place on a Sunday, an Affirmation of Faith is not required and has not been included, though a point in the service at which it might appropriately come has been indicated.

Facing Pain: a Service of Lament

An example of a 'one-off' service, not designed to be used without adaptation.

We say together the words printed in bold.

Welcome and Introduction

All We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

A minister introduces the service.

A hymn or song may be sung.

Let us pray.
The weight of grief bears heavily upon us
but it is a load we need not bear alone.
Let us offer our burden to Jesus,
Lord of life and of death, of the present and of the future.

We bring before you, Lord,
our confusion in the face of shock,
our despair in the face of tragedy,
our helplessness in the face of death.

All Lift from us our burden,
and in your power, renew us.

We bring before you, Lord,
the tears of sorrow,
the cries for help,
the vulnerability of pain.

All Lift from us our burden,
and in your power, renew us.

We bring before you, Lord,
our sense of frustration,
our feeling of powerlessness,
our fears for the future.

All Lift from us our burden,
and in your power, renew us.

[We bring before you, Lord,
our frustrated hopes,
our unfulfilled desires,
our unfettered sadness.

Lift from us our burden,
All **and in your power, renew us.]**

The minister concludes with this prayer

God of the desolate and despairing,
your Son Jesus Christ was forced to carry the instrument
of his own death —
the cross that became for us the source of life and healing.
Transform us in our suffering
that [*in the pain we bear*] you might be for us a fount of life
and a spring of hope;
though him who died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Sharing the Story

Experiences of those who have been affected may be shared.

Psalm 102 – a Psalm of Lament

Turn your ear to me;
be swift to answer when I call.
All **Turn your ear to me;
be swift to answer when I call.**

Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you:
All **be swift to answer when I call.**

Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my trouble:
All **be swift to answer when I call.**

You, Lord, endure for ever,
and your name from age to age:
All **be swift to answer when I call.**

You will be moved to have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have pity on her:
All **be swift to answer when I call.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
All **Turn your ear to me;
be swift to answer when I call.**

Words of Comfort

Hear these words of comfort which the Lord our God offers to all in trouble and distress:

A short silence is kept between each of the readings.

The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Exodus 2.23b-25

Jesus said 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11.29,30

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Isaiah 43.2-3a

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38-39

Hymn or Song

Finding Hope

Reading(s)

After each reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Silence for reflection

Proclamation of Hope

A minister goes to the large candle, carrying a light.

We light this candle to remind us that when God the Father raised Jesus from the dead he defeated the power of death, and his light shines in the midst of the darkness of this world.

The candle is lit as a sign of the hope of resurrection.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and lives.

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have defeated death,
and set your people free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

(or)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.

All **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.**

If appropriate, an authorized Affirmation of Faith could be used here.

Hymn or Song

Laying Down the Past

Prayers of Intercession

Biddings might be offered, interspersed with silence. Initially these should relate to the local incident but they should also include suffering experienced throughout the world.

The prayers end with this Collect

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers [of this night],
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

[Names of the deceased could be mentioned here.]

Stand.

Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
All your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
All which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations
All and the glory of your people Israel.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Let us pray that we may know life and hope in Jesus Christ as we say

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Moving into the Future

Blessing and Dismissal

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.
All Amen. Thanks be to God.

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen *you* to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All Amen.

Hymn

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A Penitential Service (outline)

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ An outline structure for a service with a particularly penitential flavour, such as might be appropriate in Lent or in Advent, or at a particular stage in the life of a local church.
- ¶ Hymns or songs may be added at suitable points.

A Penitential Service

Gathering

Greeting

For example

- A11** The Lord be with you ...
- A12** We come from scattered lives ...

Introduction, Welcome and Explanations

The Collect

Word

Reading 1

Psalm

Psalm 51 might be suitable.

Reading 2

Sermon

Response

Act of Penitence

This might include the following: the Commandments, Jesus' summary of the Law or the Beatitudes; silence; Confession; imposition of ashes or some symbolic placing of sin at the cross; the use of water for washing or sprinkling; Kyries; Absolution.

Thanksgiving

These thanksgivings may be appropriate

- G23** See what love ...
- G35** Christ became obedient unto death ...

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Going out

Affirmation of Faith

Blessing and Dismissal

The following may be suitable

- J53** Now may the Lord of peace ...
- J54** May God give to you ...

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A Service of Healing (outline)

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ Non-eucharistic;
- ¶ This service could be used regularly or on an occasional basis as an alternative to the provision in *Common Worship: Pastoral Services* for the Laying on of Hands with Prayer and Anointing at a Celebration of Holy Communion (page 26).

It falls within the suggestions in the *Common Worship* provision for Prayer for Individuals in Public Worship (*Common Worship: Pastoral Services*, page 48), and some of the notes there may be helpful.

This public ministry of prayer may be accompanied by laying on of hands, and may also be accompanied by anointing with oil. It may be helpful to make clear in advance the form of ministry that is intended. There are a number of possibilities, such as prayer for individuals who do not explain their particular need; prayer following a brief explanation to those who will pray with them of a person's need or concern; or prayer following an explanation to the whole congregation of a person's need or concern. (The Laying on of Hands may be received on behalf of a third person who is not present.)

Care needs to be taken to integrate ministry to individuals with the corporate prayer of the whole people.

Those who will be ministering to individuals should be offered appropriate help in preparing for this. Before the service it is normally appropriate for them to pray together for grace and discernment.

Anointing

Canon B 37 provides that the priest should use 'pure olive oil consecrated by the bishop of the diocese or otherwise by the priest', for which forms are provided in the rite for a celebration of Wholeness and Healing in *Common Worship: Pastoral Services*, pages 20–21, and also on pages 46–47. Note I on page 40 also says that whoever presides may delegate the ministry of anointing to other ministers authorized for this ministry.

Introduction

In *Common Worship: Pastoral Services* (page 42) there are some sample introductions, one of which may be used here. These, together with some of the passages in the lectionary provision on pages 44–45 of *Common Worship: Pastoral Services*, will give some indication of themes that can be tackled in the course of teaching people over a number of months about healing, but it may well be that the words used at this point in the service are briefer and more informal.

Prayers of Intercession

It is intended that prayer for healing takes place within the wider context of the prayer of the people for other things. The litany on page 31 of *Common Worship: Pastoral Services*, or some other suitable prayers or biddings, may be used.

Conclusion

A Time to Heal: A Report by the House of Bishops on the Healing Ministry (CHP, 2000), page 243, suggests that at this point there should be a prayer of thanksgiving, an act of praise and the final blessing and dismissal: 'This helps both the congregation and those who have received ministry to depart in a spirit of faith and hope in God.'

A Service of Healing

The Gathering

The minister welcomes the people with a greeting, for example A34

We meet in the presence of God ...

The minister may introduce the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The minister introduces the Confession. B25 may be suitable.

A form of Confession is used. B65 may be suitable

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair ...

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or more readings from the Bible.

A Psalm or scriptural Song

Sermon

An authorized Affirmation of Faith, or Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Brief biddings may introduce prayer for the world and the Church.

Prayer for Healing

The time of prayer for individuals may include one or both of these prayers

All Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All **bring strength, healing and peace.**

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

A43

(or)

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.

May Christ bring you wholeness

of body, mind and spirit,

deliver you from every evil,

and give you peace.

All **Amen.**

The Collect and the Lord's Prayer are said.

Conclusion

A suitable hymn of praise and a praise item such as this versicle and response

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All **and forget not all his benefits;**

Who forgives all your sins

All **and heals all your infirmities;**

Who redeems your life from the Pit;

All **and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.**

The service ends with the Peace

Peace to you from God our Father, who hears our cry.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, whose death brings healing.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, who gives us life and strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

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Worship in a Small Group or an Intercessory Prayer Meeting (outline)

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ An outline structure for a home group, a Bible study group, a Lent group, an enquirers' group, a prayer meeting with a focus on intercession or another small group setting.

Worship in a Small Group

Introduction

The meeting may begin with a brief time of silence.

A prayer may be used, for example A39

Lord, speak to us ...

Praise

A psalm or canticle of praise may be said. Songs or hymns may be sung.

Thanksgiving

Informal sharing of answers to prayer and other reasons to thank God may take place.

This form may be used to introduce the time of giving thanks

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Thanksgiving may conclude with a short song, or with a canticle such as Great and Wonderful (Common Worship, page 800).

Scripture Reading

Suitable passages from the Bible may be read. This may be followed by silence.

Sharing of reflections on the readings may take place, a brief talk may be given or a short meditation may be led.

Prayer

Needs for prayer may be shared and open prayer may follow.

The prayers may conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

The Dismissal

The canticle Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon, Common Worship, page 799) may be used.

The meeting may conclude with the saying of the Grace or the sharing of the Peace.

A Special Example

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All Creation Worships (Holy Communion)

Notes

Type of service

- ¶ A celebration of Holy Communion;
- ¶ An example of a one-off service.

This service differs from the other sample services in that it is provided here in three versions. The order of service and contents are the same in each: what the three versions illustrate is three 'levels' of presentation of a service.

- 1 The first is a worked out order of service suitable for putting in the hands of the congregation.
- 2 The second is a basic outline that shows the structure and (unlike the other sample service outlines) includes in full the texts which are 'special' for this service (with the exception of those which are printed in the congregation's text). This would be for the service leaders and others with a particular role, such as musicians, sidespeople, wardens, and so on. It could be used by them during the service itself, in conjunction with the congregational version.
- 3 The third illustrates a fully worked out leaders' order of service, which includes all the congregational text, plus the texts and instructions needed by those leading the service or taking particular roles in it, plus indications of opportunities for creativity. This sort of sheet might be used during the planning of the service. It could act as a leaders' version for use during the service itself.

In this example it is not so much the texts, as the possibilities for creativity, which are being illustrated.

A service such as this might be used on the Second Sunday before Lent (when there is a 'creation' theme running through the readings) or elements from it might be used in Rogationtide or for Harvest Thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer E has been used, with an extended responsorial preface drawn from one of the acts of praise and thanksgiving in this book. Other eucharistic prayers could have been used, with this short proper preface:

And now we give you thanks
because all things are of your making,
all times and seasons obey your laws,
but you have chosen to create us in your own image,
setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.
You have made us stewards of your creation,
to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power:
so earth unites with heaven
to sing the new song of creation:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord ...**

All Creation Worships – text for the congregation

The congregation say the words in bold.

Gathering

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Spirit of God hovered over the water

All **and brought life to all creation.**

Come, Holy Spirit

All **and renew the face of the earth.**

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

B6

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

B56

The president declares God's forgiveness.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prayers of Intercession

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading this response is used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

E / I

This response is used

Lord of creation

All **hear the cry of our hearts.**

The prayers end

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace and then this response is used

The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

This response recurs during this part of the prayer

Lord of all creation

All **we worship and adore you.**

This part of the prayer concludes

... where we worship you with all of your creation, singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

At the conclusion of the Prayer, all say

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is used as the bread is broken

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit
as a mighty stream of life-giving water
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.
Let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of justice
and bearers of hope.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Dismissal

Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

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All Creation Worships – outline and leaders' text

Gathering

Greeting

Prayer of Preparation

Penitence

Kyrie confession.

This absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleans *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

B78

Gloria in Excelsis

or another song or hymn of praise.

The Collect

This bidding introduces the silence

In a time of silence,
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who has
created all things.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

Gospel Reading

This acclamation heralds the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

All **Alleluia.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty ...**

E11

Prayers of Intercession

The leader introduces the prayers saying

Creation groans with pain ...

This response may be used

Lord of creation

All **hear the cry of our hearts.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to you from God who is our Father.
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.
The peace of the triune God be always with you

All **and also with you.**

H10

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer E

This Extended Proper Preface is used

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
He is the image of the unseen God,
the firstborn of all creation.
He created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,
all things were created through him and for him.
Lord of all creation

All **we worship and adore you.**

He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by his word of power.
Lord of all creation

All **we worship and adore you.**

He is first to be born from the dead.
All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.
Lord of all creation

All **we worship and adore you.**

The Church is his body,
he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven
at your right hand,
where we worship you with all of your creation, singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy ...**

G66

Acclamation:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection ...**

The Lord's Prayer

Modern version

Breaking of the Bread

This version of Agnus Dei is used

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins ...**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts ...

Prayer after Communion

The deacon (or president) then lights a large candle and says the following prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God ...

Final Hymn

The candle is taken to the door for the blessing and dismissal.

Dismissal

Blessing

May God
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
and the blessing ...

J70

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All Creation Worships – full text for leaders

Gathering

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The Spirit of God hovered over the water
All **and brought life to all creation.**

Come, Holy Spirit
All **and renew the face of the earth.**

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith. **B6**

Our misuse of creation could be represented in some way, such as by holding up or projecting images.

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord have mercy.
All **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

B56

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

B78

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria, or some other song or hymn of praise, may be sung.

The congregation may be sprinkled with water as a sign of forgiveness during the singing.

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with this bidding

In a time of silence,
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who has
created all things.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used between the readings.

Gospel Reading

This acclamation heralds the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced, this response is used

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

E I I

Prayers of Intercession

Creation groans with pain like the pain of childbirth,
and longs to share the freedom of the children of God,
so we offer you our prayers for the healing of all creation.
Let us pray.

This response is used

All Lord of creation
hear the cry of our hearts.

And at the end

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to you from God who is our Father.
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.
The peace of the triune God be always with you

All and also with you.

H 10

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

If the bread, wine and water are brought forward it is appropriate that on this occasion they are clearly visible, perhaps using see-through vessels rather than opaque ones. A glass bowl full of soil may also be presented and placed on the altar.

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
He is the image of the unseen God,
the firstborn of all creation.

He created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,
all things were created through him and for him.
Lord of all creation

All we worship and adore you.

He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by his word of power.
Lord of all creation

All we worship and adore you.

He is first to be born from the dead.
All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.
Lord of all creation

All we worship and adore you.

The Church is his body,
he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven
at your right hand,
where we worship you with all of your creation, *singing:*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

G66

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is used as the bread is broken

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The deacon (or president) then lights a large (green) candle and says the following prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit
as a mighty stream of life-giving water
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.
Let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of justice
and bearers of hope.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

During the final hymn the candle is taken to the door for the Blessing and Dismissal.

Dismissal

Blessing

May God
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
and the blessing ...

J70

The Dismissal

A minister says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Resurrection	Easter
Ascension	Ascension, kingship
Holy Spirit	Pentecost
Word	Word
Church and mission	Mission, ministry, unity
Christian beginnings	Baptism and Confirmation
Lament	Lent, frustration/pain/anger
Relationships and healing	Reconciliation, family, love
Living in the world	Society, city
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