



**SERVICE
OF THE WORD**

The words in **bold type** are said by all.

PREPARATION

GATHERING

HYMN

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

We are gathered together as the family of God
to offer praise and thanksgiving
to ask forgiveness of our sins
to hear and receive God's holy Word
to pray for the needs of the world
and to seek God's grace
that through Jesus Christ our Lord
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to God's service.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:
to our God, who will richly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

A time of silence is kept.

Creator of all, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You blot out our offences, have
mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Hear us when we cry to you. **Lord, have mercy.**

Only Son of the Father, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Saviour of the world, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Free us from our sins. **Christ, have mercy.**

Gracious, life-giving Spirit, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
With the Father and the Son, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Make us dead to sin and alive with you. **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, all we long for is before you;
and our deep sighing is not hidden from you.
But we acknowledge our wickedness;
we are filled with sorrow at our sin.
Be pleased O Lord, to deliver us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed is the Lord:
Who has heard the voice of our prayer.
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:
And in our song will we praise our God.

(from Psalm 28)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS or HYMN

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Collect of the Day is said and all respond:

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

HYMN

Gospel Reading

SERMON or other Exposition of the Word

TIME OF REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

INTERCESSIONS and LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

OFFERING

*During a **HYMN**, song, music, or silence, the people's offering may be collected, accepted in silence or the following prayer may then be said.*

Generous God, accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

ACT OF DEDICATION

A verse from one of the Readings from Holy Scripture is read.

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

A light upon my path.

A lantern to my feet.

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

Your word is a lantern to my feet. (Psalm 119.105)

Almighty God,

we thank you for the gift of your holy word:

may it be a lantern to our feet,

a light upon our paths,

and a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all people

in the power of the Holy Spirit

and in the name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, TE DEUM or HYMN

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**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.**

(2 Corinthians 13.14)

*If taking part in the service, a bishop or a priest may give
a blessing in place of the Grace.*

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