

Service of The Word

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A SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

PREPARATION

1 Hymn

2 GREETING

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

A brief introduction to the service may be given here.

3 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, followed by

3.1 EITHER

Have mercy on me, O God:
according to your loving-kindness.

I know my transgressions:
and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure:
wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

(From Psalm 51, see Note)

OR I confess my transgressions to you, Lord.
Then you forgive me the guilt of my sin:

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven:
and whose sin is put away.

I acknowledge my sin to you:
and do not conceal my guilt.

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble:
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

(From Psalm 32, see Note)

OR I confess my iniquity:
and am sorry for my sin.

In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope:
You will answer me, O Lord my God.

O Lord, do not forsake me:
be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me:
O Lord of my salvation.

(From Psalm 38, see Note)

3.2 Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

(Collect for Epiphany 5)

3.3 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)

3.4 EITHER

**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.
Alleluia!**

OR

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen.
Alleluia!**

Alleluia is omitted from Ash Wednesday until Easter Day

4 Venite Exultemus (see Appendix) OR Hymn

5 THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

The Collect is said and all respond

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

6 READING(S) FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Readings are taken from the Lectionary. The set Psalm may be sung or read between readings.

7 SERMON or other Exposition of the Word (see Note)

8 REFLECTION

A time of silence, which may be followed by music, such as an anthem, or a meditative congregational song.

9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

EITHER

9.1 Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

OR

9.2 Do you believe in God the Creator,
who made the world?
I believe.

Do you believe in God the Saviour,
who redeemed humanity?
I believe.

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier,
who gives life to God's people?
I believe.

OR

9.3 The Nicene Creed OR The Apostles' Creed (see Appendix)

PRAYERS

10 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The prayers conclude with

10.2 EITHER

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.

OR

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.

11 OFFERING

During a hymn, song, music, or silence, the people's offering may be collected, and 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

12 ACT OF DEDICATION

12.1 *A verse from one of the Readings of the Day is read.*

This is followed by

12.2 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)

12.3 **God of life and nurture
as the seed grows secretly in the earth,
as the yeast rises in the dough,
may your power be at work in us.
Like a city on a hill,
like a lamp in the darkness,
may we witness to the glory of your kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

13 Gloria in Excelsis, Te Deum OR Hymn

14 DISMISSAL

14.1 The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

14.2 Almighty God, by grace alone
you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

(Collect for Epiphany 3)

14.3 Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

14.4 **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)

When presiding, a bishop or a priest may give a blessing in place of the Grace.

