

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

PREPARATION

1 Hymn

2 GREETING

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

A brief introduction to the service may be given here using these or other words:

*We are gathered together as the family of God
(in our Father's presence)
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.*

EITHER

The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

OR

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

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

EITHER

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)

OR

3.2 EITHER

Creator of the world, have mercy:
Lord have mercy (or Kyrie eleison etc.)
Source of all goodness, have mercy:
Lord have mercy.
Wash away our sins:
Lord have mercy.

Light of the world, have mercy:
Christ have mercy (or Christe eleison etc.)
Strength of the faithful, have mercy:
Christ have mercy.
Look on us, wounded by sin:
Christ have mercy.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy:
Lord have mercy (or Kyrie eleison etc.)
One God in three persons, have mercy:
Lord have mercy.
Renew your Spirit within us, and give us new life:
Lord have mercy.

(Based loosely on Orbis factor Kyrie from Sarum Missal)

OR

Creator of the world, have mercy:

Kyrie eleison.

Source of all goodness, have mercy:

Kyrie eleison.

Wash away our sins:

Kyrie eleison.

Light of the world, have mercy:

Christe eleison.

Strength of the faithful, have mercy:

Christe eleison.

Look on us, wounded by sin:

Christe eleison.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy:

Kyrie eleison.

One God in three persons, have mercy:

Kyrie eleison.

Renew your Spirit within us, and give us new life:

Kyrie eleison.

OR

Creator of all, have mercy: **Kyrie eleison.**

You blot out our offences, have mercy: **Kyrie eleison.**

Hear us when we cry to you: **Kyrie eleison.**

Only Son of the Father, have mercy: **Christe eleison.**

Saviour of the world, have mercy: **Christe eleison.**

Free us from our sins: **Christe eleison.**

Gracious, life-giving Spirit, have mercy: **Kyrie eleison.**

With the Father and the Son, have mercy: **Kyrie eleison.**

Make us dead to sin and alive with you: **Kyrie eleison.**

(Based loosely on the Conditio Kyrie from Sarum missal)

OR *(Suitable for use in Advent)*

O Lord God of Hosts, restore us.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

*Show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.*

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

*O Lord, show us your mercy;
and grant us your salvation.*

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

OR (*Suitable for use in Christmas*)

*O Christ, Son of God, existing before time,
you came into the world to save us.*

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*Sun of Righteousness, shining with the Father's love,
you illumine the whole universe.*

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Son of Mary: born a child, you shared our humanity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OR (*Suitable for use in Epiphany*)

*Son of David: born to rule,
you received gifts from the wise men.*

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*Son of Man: baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.*

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

*Heavenly King:
you proclaimed the kingdom.*

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

OR (*Suitable for use in Lent*)

*Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.*
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

(Common Worship)

OR (*Suitable for use in Lent*)

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness.*
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

(Common Worship)

OR (*Suitable for use in Passiontide*)

*Christ became obedient unto death for us,
Even death upon a cross:
Kyrie eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

*He was pierced for our sins,
Bruised for no fault but ours:
Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.*

*His punishment has won our peace,
And by his wounds we are healed:
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

(Common Worship)

OR *(Suitable for use in Easter)*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

If this version is used the sentence at the beginning of Section 3 is omitted

OR *(Suitable for use on the Day of Pentecost)*

*You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.*

*You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

OR

3.3

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

(Common Worship)

3.4 EITHER

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

(Common Worship)

OR

**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. Amen.**

(Common Worship)

OR

**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.*

(SEC Daily Prayer)

3.5

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)

The Gloria OR Hymn OR Psalm of Praise

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

See Notes.

*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

***We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.***

***We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.***

***Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.***

***We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.***

***We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.***

***So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.***

(Common Worship)

OR

9.4

Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus:*
the divine nature was his from the first:

Yet he did not grasp at equality with God;*
he emptied himself and became like a slave.

Taking the nature of man he was revealed in human form;*

***he humbled himself and became obedient
even to death, death on a cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,*
and has given him a name above every other name;
So that in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,*
in heaven, on earth, and in the depths;
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord;*
to the glory of God the Father.***

(from Philippians 2)

9.5 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.**

10.3 *(If not used at 2)*

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

11 OFFERING

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

Either

*From age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness; *
your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.*

***From age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness; *
your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.***

*Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;
love and truth go before your face.*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.

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

***From age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness; *
your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.***

Or *(Suitable for use in Advent)*

*My soul waits for the Lord; *
in his word is my hope.*

***My soul waits for the Lord; *
in his word is my hope.***

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

In his word is my hope.

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

My soul waits for the Lord; *

in his word is my hope.

Or (*Suitable for use at Christmas*)

*His salvation is near those who fear him: *
his glory shall dwell in our land.*

***His salvation is near those who fear him: *
his glory shall dwell in our land.***

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he speaks peace to his people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

His glory shall dwell in our land.

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

***His salvation is near to those who fear him; *
his glory shall dwell in our land.***

Or (*Suitable for use in Lent*)

*Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.*

***Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.***

*You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have pity upon her.*

Make haste to answer when I call.

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

***Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.***

Or (*Suitable for use at Passiontide*)

*Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.*

***Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.***

*His punishment has won our peace,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

He has carried our sorrows.

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

***Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.***

Or (*Suitable for use in Easter*)

*This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

***This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

*I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

***This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

OR (*Suitable for use on the Day of Pentecost*)

*You send forth your Spirit, O Lord; *
you renew the face of the earth.*

***You send forth your Spirit, O Lord; *
you renew the face of the earth.***

*May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.*

You renew the face of the earth.

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

***You send forth your Spirit, O Lord; *
you renew the face of the earth.***

12.3

***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.***

(Common Worship)

13 Gloria in Excelsis (*If not used at 4*), Te Deum (*see Appendix*)

OR Hymn

14 DISMISSAL

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

(Ruth 2.4)

14.2 Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

14.3 **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.*