

# A Service of the Word 2015

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# A Service of the Word 2015

## *Introduction*

### **Modern – and Ancient**

There are times when neither the Eucharist nor Morning Prayer meets the needs of a particular congregation's main act of worship on Sunday. *A Service of the Word* is now offered as a resource for use by congregations of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The origins of a *Service of the Word* lie in early Jewish Sabbath day worship. When Jesus worshipped in the synagogue, he joined in liturgy largely based on the reading and exposition of Scripture, and the saying or singing of Psalms – a 'Service of the Word'. Early Christian gatherings for worship were also based on this pattern, eventually combining with the Eucharist to provide the familiar shape of the Eucharistic liturgy of Word and Sacrament.

### **A Service of the Word**

At the heart of the service is the Proclamation of the Word. This must not be so lightly treated as to appear insignificant compared with other parts of the service. As a Service of the Word, the liturgy uses texts from scripture such as the psalms as the basis for responses, prayers of penitence, praise, and other elements.

### ***Leading A Service of the Word***

Leadership of A Service of the Word may be by one person, or shared by two or more people, as appropriate. But it is helpful for the flow of a service if one person presides overall. Authorization, support and preparation may be required, and Rectors and Vestries should consult their Bishop before appointing people to this ministry. Further guidance is given in the Notes provided on pp. 33–37 below.

# Structure

The basic structure of *A Service of the Word* is given below.

## I PREPARATION

- 1 & 2 Gathering and Greeting
- 3 Penitence and Forgiveness
- 4 Praise
- 5 Collect of the Day

## II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- 6 Reading(s) from Scripture
- 7 Sermon or other exposition of the Word
- 8 Reflection
- 9 Affirmation of Faith

## III PRAYER

- 10 Intercessions & Lord's Prayer
- 11 Offering (Collection)

## IV CONCLUSION

- 12 Act of Dedication
- 13 Praise
- 14 Dismissal



# A SERVICE OF THE WORD 2015

## I PREPARATION

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

### 1 Gathering

#### 1.1 Hymn

## 2 GREETING

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

2.2 *A brief introduction to the service may be given here using the form on page 11 or other words.*

*Either*

2.3 The Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

*(Ruth 2.4)*

*Or*

2.4 *The Peace may be shared either here or at Section 10.3*

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

### 3 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

- 3.1 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*

#### 3.2 Penitential Psalm

*Either this, or one of the other Psalms given on pages 11–12*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*(From Psalm 51)*

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

*Or*

### 3.3 Kyrie

*Either this, or one of the other forms given on pages 13–17.*

*Instead of **Kyrie eleison** and **Christe eleison**, the response **Lord, have mercy** and **Christ, have mercy** may be used.*

Creator of the world, have mercy	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
Source of all goodness, have mercy	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
Wash away our sins	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
Light of the world, have mercy	<b>Christe eleison</b>
Strength of the faithful, have mercy	<b>Christe eleison</b>
Look on us, wounded by sin	<b>Christe eleison</b>
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
One God in three persons, have mercy	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
Renew your Spirit within us, and give us new life	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>

(Based on the Sarum *Orbis factor* Kyrie)

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

*Or*

### 3.4 Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

*Either this, or the alternative form on page 17.*

**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)*

*A short silence is kept before saying either*

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

*(Common Worship)*

*Or*

**B      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)*

*Now go to section 3.6*

### 3.5      Prayer for Forgiveness

*After the Penitential Psalm or Kyrie, a short silence is kept before saying*

**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 1988)*

### 3.6      Response

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)*

## **4 Gloria in Excelsis or Hymn or Psalm of Praise**

*See pages 18–19 for texts of Gloria in excelsis*

## **5 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*A short period of silent prayer may be introduced with the words, 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect of the Day is said and all respond, Amen.*

## **II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **6 READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (See Notes)**

### **7 SERMON or other Exposition of the Word**

### **8 REFLECTION**

*A time of silence, which may be followed by music.*

## 9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Either this, or turn to pages 23–29 for other options.*

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.**

### III 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.*

10.2 *The prayers conclude with one of the following forms of the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

**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      *The Peace may be shared here if not already done at 2.4.*

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 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.**



## IV CONCLUSION

### 12 ACT OF DEDICATION

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

#### 12.2 Responsory

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)*

*Go to pages 30–32 for seasonal options for the Responsory.*

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** or **Hymn**

*Go to pages 18–22 for texts of Gloria in excelsis and Te Deum.*

**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)*

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

## ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

### 2 GREETING

- 2.2 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.

### 3 PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

#### 3.2 Penitential Psalms

- A 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 *Psalms* 51)

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

B 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 *Psalms* 32)

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

C 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 *Psalms* 38)

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

### 3.3 Alternative Kyries

A	Creator of all, have mercy. You blot out our offences, have mercy. Hear us when we cry to you.	<b>Kyrie eleison.</b> <b>Kyrie eleison.</b> <b>Kyrie eleison.</b>
	Only Son of the Father, have mercy. Saviour of the world, have mercy. Free us from our sins.	<b>Christe eleison.</b> <b>Christe eleison.</b> <b>Christe eleison.</b>
	Gracious, life-giving Spirit, have mercy. With the Father and the Son, have mercy. Make us dead to sin and alive with you.	<b>Kyrie eleison.</b> <b>Kyrie eleison.</b> <b>Kyrie eleison.</b>

(Based loosely on the Sarum *Conditor Kyrie*)

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

#### B *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.**

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

C *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.**

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

D *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.**

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

E      *Lent (a)*

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)*

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

F      *Lent (b)*

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)*

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

G *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)*

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

H *Easter*

*If this version is used, the responses at 3.1 and 3.5 are omitted.*

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!**

*Now go to Section 4 on page 4.*



## I *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.**

*(Common Worship)*

*Now go to Section 3.5 on page 4.*

## 3.4 Alternative forms of Penitence and Forgiveness

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 1988)*

*Now go to Section 3.6 on page 4.*

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

### 4 or 13      **Gloria in Excelsis**

A      *The Scottish Liturgy 1982*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ,  
and God the Holy Spirit,)  
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.

*Now go to Section 5 on page 5.*

## B

*Scottish Prayer Book 1929*

Glory be to God in the highest,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty;  
and to thee, O God, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
and to thee, O God, the Holy Ghost.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
who takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Now go to Section 5 on page 5.*

## 13 Te Deum

A We praise you, O God;  
we acclaim you as Lord.  
All creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you,  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise:  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then Lord and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
And bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

*Now go to Section 14 on page 10.*

OR

## B *Alternative version*

*One voice or group of voices says verses marked a, another those marked b, all say verses in bold type.*

*a* We praise you, O God;  
we acclaim you as Lord.

*b* All creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

*a* To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

*a* The glorious company of apostles praise you,  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

*b* The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise:  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

*a* You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

*b* When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

*a* You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

*b* You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

**Come then Lord and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

*Now go to Section 14 on page 10.*

OR

C *Scottish Prayer Book 1929 version:*

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the  
powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth  
acknowledge thee;  
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :  
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou  
hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory  
everlasting.

*Now go to Section 14 on page 10.*

## AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

### 9 Affirmation of Faith

B 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.**

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

*OR*

C **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)*

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

OR

D *Metrical Creed*

*May be sung to any 87 87 or 87 87D tune.*

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)*

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*



## E      *The Nicene Creed*

### i      *Scottish Liturgy 1982*

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.

OR      *Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

ii *Responsive version*

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.**

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

OR

iii *Scottish Prayer Book 1929*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the  
quick and the dead:

Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Lord, The Giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped  
and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

## F The Apostles' Creed

### i *Daily Prayer 1988*

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

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

OR

ii      *Scottish Prayer Book 1929 version:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Now go to Section 10 on page 7.*

## Responsories

### 12.2 *Responsory*

#### A *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*

#### B *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*

C *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*

D *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*

E *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*

F *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.**

*Now go to Section 12.3 on page 9.*



## NOTES ON EACH SECTION

as numbered in the Liturgy

### I Preparation

1 Whenever it is possible, an Opening Hymn or Song helps to gather the people of God for worship. All kinds of congregational songs – traditional hymns, praise songs, reflective chants, responsorial psalms – can be used here and at other places in the Service.

2 The first words spoken by the leader of the service bless God the Holy Trinity, and remind us that we are gathered to worship the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit; the response reminds us that through this act of worship we are doing the work of God's kingdom.

2.2 Any introductory words that follow should be about the theme of the service, and be very brief and clear: a sample form is provided on page 11.

2.3 'The Lord bless you' is the response of the harvesters to Boaz's greeting, 'The Lord be with you' (*Ruth* 2.4).

2.4 The Peace may be shared here or following the Lord's Prayer (Section 10).

3 The verse and response at 3.1 from Isaiah 55 introduces the Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness.

3.2 to 3.4 Three forms of Prayers of Penitence are offered.

- Forms based on Penitential Psalms (3.2)
- Forms with a Kyrie response (3.3)
- A more traditional Prayer of Penitence and forgiveness (3.4)

One form from one of these three sections should be selected.

3.2 Three of the 'penitential psalms' form the basis of the Prayers of Penitence in this section and are taken from the Liturgical Psalter of *Daily Prayer*. Verses from Psalm 51 are given in the main text, and verses from

Psalms 32 and 38 are also provided on page 12. Other translations of the psalms may also be used.

The Penitential Psalms can be used in various ways: they may be read in unison, or by different voices or parts, or as a responsorial psalm, using one verse as a congregational response between the other verses, as laid out in the main text.

3.3 The Kyrie is a penitential form of intercession, and the form printed in the main text is loosely based on a text found in the preparation of the Mass in the Sarum Missal and other Western rites. Other forms suitable for the seasons of the liturgical year are printed on pages 13–17.

3.4 These prayers of penitence and forgiveness are taken from *Common Worship 2000*.

3.5. A corporate prayer for forgiveness is said in place of an absolution. This prayer is not used if the prayers at section 3.4 are said.

3.6 The versicle and response from Psalm 28 provide a positive declaration of faith in God's loving mercy.

4 A Song of Praise follows the Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness. Texts for *Gloria in Excelsis* are given on pages 18–19.

5 The Collect of the Day brings the Preparation to a close. The authorised Collects for the Sundays and Feast Days of the year are found in Scottish Liturgy 1982 Propers (on line at <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/liturgies/>), or from the Scottish Prayer Book 1929 (on line at <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Scotland/Scotland.htm>)

The Collect is a link with all the other worship of the Church on that day. It may be introduced very briefly, for example, "As we prepare to use the Collect of this Sunday, let us silently pray for God's guidance" (the central point of the particular collect). After a short period of silent prayer by all, the Collect is said by the leader.

## II Proclamation of the Word

6 If the Service of the Word is the principal service on a Sunday then the Gospel at least must be read. The Gospel may be read in the same manner as the readings at the Daily Offices or as at the Eucharist using the usual responses.

The readings from Holy Scripture, and their exposition in address or sermon, are central to this Service, and, together with the liturgical season, may determine the theme of the rest of the worship. The readings for the Sundays and Feast Days of the year are found in the Scottish Episcopal Church *Calendar and Lectionary*, together with its annual Guide (on line at <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/liturgies/>).

The Sunday Eucharistic readings for each Sunday provide an Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel passage. One, two or three of these may be used, according to need, with the Psalm said or sung between them.

7 A sermon may be preached in the normal way. The term 'other Exposition of the Word' includes less formal exposition, the use of drama, interviews, or discussion.

8 The time of Reflection is intended to offer a silent space for prayerful thought after the Proclamation of the Word.

9 This leads into the Affirmation of Faith as the liturgical expression of the community's response to the Proclamation of the Word.

The question and answer form of the Apostles' Creed (A), and the shorter alternative form (B), are from *Holy Baptism 2006*. Using them is a reminder that the response of faith begins with Baptism, and that Christian discipleship is a Baptismal calling. Saint Paul's Christological hymn from *Philippians 2* (C) is a regular part of *Daily Prayer*. The metrical setting (D) may be sung to any 87 87 or 87 87D tune. The Nicene Creed (E) and The Apostles' Creed (F) are the ancient forms of the Creed and are used in the worship of many churches.

They are familiar from the Eucharist and from Morning or Evening Prayer. Contemporary and traditional versions are provided.

### **III Prayers**

10.1 The Prayers of Intercession follow the structure given, but can use many different forms, as considered appropriate for the community. Supportive preparation and training is desirable, to enable members of the congregation to lead the Prayers.

10.2 The Lord's Prayer is an appropriate conclusion to the Prayers of Intercession, drawing them together 'as our Saviour taught us.' It is provided in contemporary and traditional versions.

10.3 The Peace may be shared here if not used at section 2.

11 The Offering of gifts for the work of the kingdom is linked with the offering of prayer for the needs of the world. When the Offering has been collected it may be received and the Prayer can be used, but actions such as presentation at the altar are unnecessary and should be avoided.

### **IV Conclusion**

12 The Act of Dedication is intended to offer liturgical expression to a dedicated response to the call to faith and service proclaimed in the Word.

12.1 The person(s) who gave the Sermon or Exposition of the Word should select a verse from the Reading(s), as appropriate.

13 Two ancient liturgical hymns of praise, Gloria in Excelsis and Te Deum, are offered as alternatives to a metrical hymn. Contemporary and traditional versions are provided on pages 18–22. Other versions or musical settings could be used.

14 The Dismissal is intended to be the final part of the service, and it should not be followed by any other hymn or prayer.

14.1 'The Lord bless you' is again the response of the harvesters to Boaz's greeting, 'The Lord be with you' (*Ruth* 2.4).

14.2 The versicle and response are part of the traditional ending of Daily Prayer. We bless God, as God blesses us at the conclusion of worship.

14.3 As a traditional ending for Christian worship, the Grace enables *A Service of the Word* to end with the words of Holy Scripture. If preferred, when a priest or bishop is taking part in the service, a Blessing may be used instead.

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