

Welcome!

You are very welcome to our service today and we are delighted to share our worship with you. Hopefully, you have everything you need – this service booklet, a sheet with the readings on and a hymn book. Please use this booklet to follow the service – we all join in with the words in **bold**. This booklet suggests where we usually sit/stand/kneel but please do whatever you're most comfortable with. You will see the hymn numbers displayed at the front of church and also on the readings sheet.

If you have children with you then feel free to wander with them during the service. If they are old enough then they will be welcome to go along to Sunday School. The children return to the service at Communion and share their work with us.

Toilets and baby-changing facilities are found at the back of church – please ask a steward for directions and for anything else you need to know.

If you need it, our church has a hearing-aid induction loop fitted.

We hope that you feel welcome here today and enjoy sharing this service with us.



The Gathering

A hymn may be sung.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**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

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung as we prepare to greet the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the reader.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer.

The Creed

Please stand. One of the following 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.**

(or)

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

Please sit or kneel. One of these responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy *(or)* Jesus, Lord of life,
hear our prayer. **in your mercy, hear us.**

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

Please stand.

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.

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.

A hymn may be sung as the altar is prepared and the gifts of the people collected and presented.

When all is prepared

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

All **Amen.**

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.**

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.

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

(or)

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

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond
boldly*

All **Amen.**

(or)

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

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Everyone is invited to come to the altar to either receive the Holy Communion or a Blessing.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept before the prayer is said.

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.**

† The Dismissal

Please stand.

Blessing

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 ...

All **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A final hymn may be sung.