

## Gathering and Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Father God, 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.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

## Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and  
restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for the Day

*The 'Collect' is said by the worship-leader.*

## Ministry of the Word

*One or two Bible-readings are used, and a hymn may be sung.*

*At the end of each reading these words may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A talk, Bible-study or discussion follows.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

## Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
**for with his blood  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Church say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

## Thanksgiving & Intercession

*Prayers follow, including the Lord's Prayer in this or its traditional form*

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Conclusion

*A hymn may be sung.*

**In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose  
and to praise your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Minister prays a further prayer, followed by:*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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