

## A Service of the Word for Ordinary Time

### *Welcome*

### *Preparation*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 6:23*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

### *Hymn*

### *Confession*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*cf Hebrews 12.1*

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## *Absolution*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## *The Collect*

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah:

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## *Anthem*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

*1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*Matthew 10:40-42*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Reflection*

*Music*

*Reflection*

## *Affirmation of Faith*

Let us affirm our faith:

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 Being with the Father.

**Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son.

**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.**

## *The Peace*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*cf Ephesians 2.17,19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## *Prayers*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The following response may be used:* Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*At the end, the following may be said:* Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake  
of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.

## *Music*

## *Praise Response*

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call,  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,  
**to whom Christ ascended on high.**

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:  
**some are apostles, some are his prophets.**

Evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,  
**so we can minister together**

to build up his body,  
**to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

*cf Ephesians 4.4–13*

## *Blessing*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help  
the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the  
Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be  
upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*1 Thessalonians 5.13-22*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**