

Sunday Morning Service



*Sunday worship is at the heart of our church life.
Recognizing the many different needs of both individuals and communities,
we try to provide a variety of styles of worship
ranging from traditional Prayer Book services to the totally informal.*

*This service tries to be both informal and devotional
with traditional elements combined with opportunities for real spontaneity.*

We say together the words printed in bold.

Throughout the service, please feel free to sit, stand or kneel as you are able.

Welcome, Notices and Banns

Introduction

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us

Silence

Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our hearts and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
For ever and ever.

Amen

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Praise

Praise be to you O God,
the maker of the universe,
**by whose wisdom
we are created and sustained.**

Praise be to you, O God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**by whose love
we are redeemed and forgiven.**

Praise be to you, O God, the source of all holiness,
**by whose Spirit
we are made whole and brought to perfection.**

**Praise be to you O God, source of all being, Eternal
Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Confession

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Absolution

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. Amen

The Prayer for the day

Hymn

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

Called out from every nation,
yet one through all the earth;
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food;
as to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three-in-One;
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, grant to us your grace,
with them the meek and lowly,
in heaven to see your face.

The Liturgy of the Word

Lord, Your word is a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path.

Reading

At the end of each reading, the reader may say:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father
who made the world.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son
who redeemed humankind.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen**

The Address

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

God of love,

Hear our prayer

Or

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

Or

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

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.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

If you would like to say the prayers to join in with a spiritual communion, then this is the time. The prayers below offer us an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Christ, at a time when would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

He took the bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Come to me, and I will refresh you,
I will renew you, I will restore you.
Come to me, I am the bread of life,
Remember me.
Remember me, I am known in the breaking,
In the breaking of the day and in the breaking of the bread.**

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Remember me.
Be filled with my Spirit,
Let my life fill yours,
Give you courage,
Fill you with joy.**

Responding to Communion

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthen and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

The Grace

**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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.