

## 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.**

## Hymn

## Blessing and Sending Out

The God of grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus our Lord, restore, establish, strengthen you in all goodness and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen.**

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

# Sunday Morning Service Ordinary Time



*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

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you**

*Silence*

Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
**Help us to pray to you in faith,**  
**To sing your praise with gratitude,**  
**And to listen to your word with eagerness;**  
**Through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

### Hymn

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.

### Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used:*

God of love,  
**Hear our prayer**  
*Or*  
Lord, hear us  
**Lord, graciously hear us**

## Hymn

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

God gives us everything we need to face the challenges ahead. It is our challenge to use well what God has graciously given to us.

## The Address

## The Creed

**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,  
he became 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**

## 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

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

### **Absolution**

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**

### **Gloria**

**Glory in all my seeing  
Glory in all my being  
Glory in all my speaking  
Glory in all my seeking  
Glory in all my hearing  
Glory in every appearing  
Glory in all my feeling  
Glory in God's revealing  
Glory of the Mighty Three  
Glory entwining round me  
Glory in the opening day  
Glory in the rocky way  
Glory in the morning light  
Glory in the darkest night  
Glory there for beholding**

**Glory ever me enfolding,  
Glory of God, hand above  
Glory of Christ, heart of love  
Glory of the Holy Spirit, covering dove.**

### **The Prayer for the day**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

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

### **Reading**

**First Reading** Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end

A challenging message from the prophet. We must listen to God, trust him and repent of our sins. We are to discern God's will for our lives. The day of judgement is coming.

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Paul offers a string of metaphors highlighting our need to stay attentive to the Lord and his return. He also says that we should encourage one another.

*At the end of each reading, the reader may say:*

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