

A Service of the Word 1

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask
your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that
is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ
our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and
we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

A hymn of praise may be sung.

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

The Scripture lessons from the Sunday eucharistic lectionary are read.

A sermon or other comment on the readings is delivered. Where no preacher is designated, members of the congregation may wish to share brief reflections on the day's scriptures.

The officiant invites the people, in these or similar words, to join in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The officiant or another member of the community leads the prayers, using the following or another authorized form.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For *N.* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God,

you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask,

and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A hymn may be sung, during which the offerings of the people are collected and presented. When the offering is placed on the altar or other suitable place, all say:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,

the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The officiant leads the concluding prayers, using either the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom and the Lord's Prayer or the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology:

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, r
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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Glory to God
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**