

## **The Welcome**

*The leader greets the congregation*

*The leader says:*

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

**All: and also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

*A **hymn** may be sung*

*The leader says:*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## **The Confession**

*A seasonal invitation to confession or the following is said:*

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

*Silence is kept*

We say together:

**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 thee 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.**

*The leader asks for God's forgiveness using these words:*

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 Collect**

*The leader prays the Collect of the Day, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

## **The Gloria** *(omit in Advent and Lent)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us:  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.****

*A hymn may be sung*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*One or more of the set readings are read.*

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

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Talk:** *A thought for the day or short reflection may be offered*

*A hymn may be sung*

## **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, was  
incarnate of 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,  
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**

*Intercessions are offered, and the following response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*ending with the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

## **The Peace**

*An invitation to exchange the Peace may be offered with a seasonal invitation or with these words:*

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **[Notices]**

A *hymn* may be sung

## **The Conclusion**

May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**