

## ***We gather in worship***

*Before we begin, the priest will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*After praying, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing:*

**Thanks to God,  
whose word was spoken  
in the deed that made the earth;  
his the voice that called a nation,  
his the fires that tried her worth.  
God has spoken: ×2  
praise him for his open word!**

**Thanks to God, whose Word incarnate  
glorified the flesh of man;  
deeds and words  
and death and rising  
tell the grace in heaven's plan.**

**God has spoken: ×2  
praise him for his open word!**

**Thanks to God, whose word was written  
in the bible's sacred page,  
record of the revelation  
showing God to every age.**

**God has spoken: ×2  
praise him for his open word!**

**Thanks to God, whose word is published  
in the tongues of every race;  
see its glory undiminished  
by the change of time or place.**

**God has spoken: ×2  
praise him for his open word!**

**Thanks to God, whose word is answered  
by the Spirit's voice within;  
here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
life redeemed from death and sin.**

**God is speaking: ×2  
praise him for his open word!**

*R T Brooks (1918-85)*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*The deacon invites us to confess,*

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest declares forgiveness*

♪ **Glory, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth. (×2)  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth. (×2)**

**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,(×3).**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord (×2), you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father. Amen (×6).**

*The priest invites us to pray in silence, then says the prayer set for today,*

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## ***We listen for God's Word***

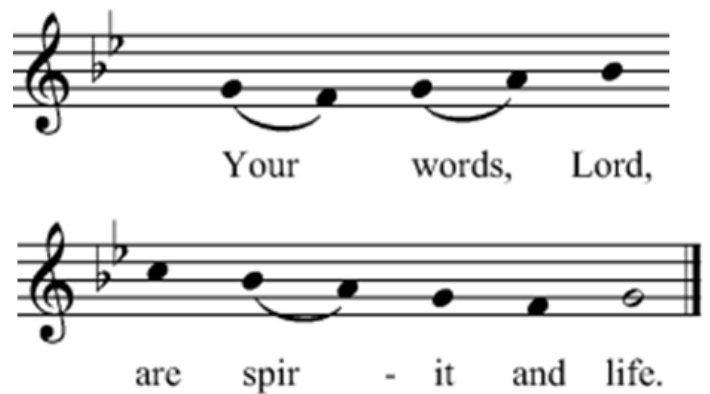
**Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5**

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

## **Thanks be to God.**

*The cantor leads **Psalm 19.7-14** and we join in the refrain.*



♪ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

♪ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

♪ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.

♪ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favour before you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

♪ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## ***Gospel Reading: John 5.36b-47***

*We stand, facing the gospel.*

Alleluia..., **alleluia...**

Speak, Lord, we listen. Speak your words of wisdom, that we may receive the words that give life, life for the world.

**Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him.

How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the **Sermon**, then we keep silence together.*

## ***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 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, 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.

*We sit or kneel for the*  
***Prayers of Intercession***

*The response in the prayers is*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*and, at the end,*  
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine***

***The Peace***

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

***The Offering***

*We stand to sing as a collection is taken. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering, cash or contactless.*

**Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.**

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Holy and Blessèd Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light.

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

*The priest takes the bread and wine  
and says the prayers of preparation,  
we respond to each part of the prayer:*  
**Blessèd be God forever.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

*Please remain standing if it is  
comfortable for you.*

The Lord is here;  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God and we sing,*

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest. (×2)

Blessèd is he, blessèd is he,  
blessèd is he who comes  
in the name, He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest. (×2)

*The priest continues, recalling the Last  
Supper, then the deacon says,*

Great is the mystery of faith,  
♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues ending with  
...forever and ever. ♪ Amen. (x6)*

As our Saviour taught, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
your name, 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God, (repeat line)**  
**you take away the sins  
of the world:  
have mercy on us. (x2)**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, (repeat line)**  
**you take away the sins  
of the world:  
grant us your peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### ***We share in Communion***

*The people receive communion  
or a blessing. Gluten free is available.*

**O Christ the Word incarnate,  
O wisdom from on high,  
O truth unchanged unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky,  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from her dear Master  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light she lifteth  
o'er all the earth to shine;  
it is the golden casket  
where gems of truth are stored;  
it is the heaven drawn picture  
of Christ the living Word.**

**O make thy Church, dear Saviour,  
a lamp of burnished gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face**

*William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

*We keep silence together.*

*The priest says this prayer,*

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life and the word  
of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your  
heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by  
your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

*Notices may be given.*

*We may hear from the children.*

***We go into the world  
to share God's love***

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all  
throughout the earth,  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free:  
he broke the power  
of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,

by all creation glorified:  
he sends his Spirit on his Church,  
to live for him,  
the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim;  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938)*

***The Blessing***

*The priest prays for God's blessing:*

Go now in peace, knowing that you  
have been born again, not of  
perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
through the living and enduring word  
of God; and the blessing ...

*The deacon says,*

Go in the peace to love  
and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing until the  
ministers have left.*