

We gather in worship

Before we begin, the minister 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:
cleans 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:*

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

William Kethe (d.1594)

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,

My brothers and sisters, as we
prepare to celebrate the presence of
Christ in word and sacrament, let us
call to mind and confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city. On our city, Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness. On us, Christ have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Grant us peace. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest declares forgiveness.

♪ ***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!***

**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.
*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!***

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

We listen for God's Word *we sit*

First Reading: James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say,

'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The cantor leads **Psalm 146** and we join in the refrain.*



I will praise the Lord as



long as I live.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them. When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger. The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

♪ **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 7.24-37

We stand, facing the gospel.

♪ **Alleluia...**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. ♪ **Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the

children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit

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

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

The deacon says,
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

The Offering

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

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumph of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free:
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf;
his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all
the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*The priest takes the bread and wine
and says the prayers of preparation:
we respond: **Blessed 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 might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the**

**name of the Lord. Hosanna,
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues, then the Deacon
says, Great is the mystery of faith*

♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The priest continues...
...forever and ever.

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us 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.*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live:'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Horatius N, Bonar (1808-1889)

The choir sings: Exceeding Glad - Handel

We keep silence together.

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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***

**Rejoice, O land,
in God thy might;
his will obey,
him serve aright;
for thee the saints
uplift their voice:
fear not, O land,
in God rejoice.**

**Glad shalt thou be,
with blessing crowned,
with joy and peace
thou shalt abound;
yea, love with thee
shall make his home
until thou see
God's kingdom come.**

**He shall forgive
thy sins untold:
remember thou
his love of old;
walk in his way,
his word adore,
and keep his truth
for evermore.**

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

The Blessing

*We bow our heads
and pray for God's blessing:*

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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.*