

*We gather in worship*

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in bold type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish. Collection plates are at the back of church if you would like to donate.*

*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:*

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along!  
For love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, amen.**

*Henry W. Baker (1821-77)  
C.H.H. Parry (1849-1918)*

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✠ 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 priest invites us to confess our sins, and we say,*

**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 the forgiveness of our sin. Then we sing,*

**♪ Glory, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth (x2).**

**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 (x2).**

**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,(x2).**

**You alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord (x2),  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory, the glory,  
the glory of God the Father.  
Amen (x6).**

*The priest invites us to pray in silence, then says the prayer set for today,*  
Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1***

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke'

– we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

*The cantor leads **Psalm 130** and we join in the refrain.*



**My soul waits for the Lord.**

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my

supplication. If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.

♪ **My soul waits for the Lord.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.

♪ **My soul waits for the Lord.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

♪ **My soul waits for the Lord.**

### ***Gospel Reading: Mark 3.20-35***

*We stand, facing the gospel.*

Alleluia..., **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.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could

not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for

you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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 stand to affirm our faith,*

**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***

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.*

**Amazing grace!  
how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come  
'tis grace has brought  
me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me  
his word my hope secures  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

Yes, when this heart  
and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

*John Newton (1725-1807)  
Scottish tune, harm. John Barnard (b.1948)*

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

*Please remain standing during the  
Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable  
for you. The priest says,*

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.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
blessed 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.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

*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. (x2)**

*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,  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us. (x2)

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world  
Grant us your peace. (x2)

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. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*Please come to the front and form a queue. Communion is offered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.*

*Communion is brought to those seated in the south aisle.*

*We sing,*

**Come to me', says Jesus,  
'all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you,  
I will give you rest.**

**I am meek and humble,  
find, with me, release  
from false airs and graces;  
come, and be at peace.'**

**Hear the call of Jesus,  
come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation,  
you the honoured guest.**

**Here, where bread is broken,  
here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him,  
find your faith restored.**

**Pardon, feed and heal us,  
humble, courteous Lord,  
gracious host, for ever  
honoured and adored.**

*Alan Gaunt (b.1935)*

*Kenneth G. Finlay (1882-1974)*

*The choir sings the anthem,*

*Listen, Sweet Dove  
Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

*We keep silence together.*

*The priest says this prayer,*

**Loving Father, we thank you for  
feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit, that we  
may serve you here on earth until our  
joy is complete in heaven, and we  
share in the eternal banquet  
with 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*

*We stand to sing this hymn,  
**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place  
where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven:  
there is no place  
where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.***

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood  
that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.  
There is grace enough  
for thousands of new worlds  
as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creation  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness,  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Frederick W. Faber (1814-63)*

*Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

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

*Please remain standing until the  
ministers have left.*