

## ***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:*

**Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Let us thine endurance share,  
and awhile from joys abstain,  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before  
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

*George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870),  
Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

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

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

*The priest introduces the service and  
recalls the commandments,*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first  
commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God is the only Lord.

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*The deacon invites us to confession,*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you 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.**

♪ **Lord, have mercy.** (×2)  
**Christ, have mercy.** (×2)  
**Lord, have mercy.** (×2)

*The priest declares the absolution.*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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***

**Reading:** *Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that Yahweh your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that Yahweh your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that Yahweh your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to Yahweh your God that I have come into the land that Yahweh swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of Yahweh your God, you shall make this response before Yahweh your God: 'A wandering

Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to Yahweh, the God of our ancestors; Yahweh heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Yahweh, have given me.' You shall set it down before Yahweh your God and bow down before Yahweh your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that Yahweh your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The cantor leads Psalm 91.1-2,9-16 and we join in the refrain.*



Be with me, Lord, when  
I am in trou - ble.

♪ **Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

♪ **Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

♪ **Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

♪ **Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

♪ **Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.**

## **Gospel Reading: *Luke 4.1-13***

*We stand, facing the gospel.*

♪ Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today  
you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus

answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' "

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' "

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the **Sermon.***

## ***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.

### ***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***

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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.

### ***The Offering***

*We stand to sing as a collection is taken.*

From ashes to the living font  
your Church must journey, Lord,  
baptized in grace, in grace renewed  
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity,  
your voice speaks deep within,  
returning us to ways of truth  
and turning us from sin.

From desert to the mountaintop  
in Christ our way we see,  
so, tempered by temptation's might  
we might transfigured be.

For thirsting hearts let water flow,  
our fainting souls revive;  
and at the well your waters give  
our everlasting life.

**From ashes to the living font  
your Church must journey still,  
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,  
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.**

*Alan J. Hommerding (b1956)*

God of mercy and compassion, your  
Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day; in the  
name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

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 in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus,

♪ **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The priest continues ending with  
...forever and ever. **Amen.***

Lord Jesus, remember us in your  
kingdom and teach us to 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.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

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

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

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.**

**Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.**

*George Herbert (c1525-1580)*

*The choir sings the anthem,  
Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake  
– Richard Farrant (d. 1580)*

*After communion, the priest prays,*

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Notices may be given.*

*We may hear from the children.*

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

City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
of every age and clime:

One holy church, one army strong,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath  
thy speech come down  
from man's primaeval youth!  
How grandly hath  
thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires  
through the night  
with never-fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers,  
serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock  
the eternal city stands.

*Samuel Johnson (1822-1882)*

### ***The Blessing***

*The priest prays a blessing.*

*The deacon says,*  
Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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service. Please stay and join us, and  
make yourself known if you are a  
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