

The following may be used during the service

The Peace

The minister may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Other prayers

A prayer for our homes and families

**Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our homes and families,
for our food and clothing
and all the happiness that parents and
children can share.
We ask that your love may surround us,
your care may protect us,
and that we may know your peace
at all times,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

A prayer for personal commitment

**Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any rewards,
except that of knowing that we do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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Common Worship: Family Service

All age worship for the church family

Gathering

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may follow

HYMN or SONG(S)

Saying Sorry

The minister introduces a prayer of Confession

One of the following responses may be used

Father, in your mercy:
Forgive us and help us.

(or)

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

Or this prayer may be said

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed
to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord
Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

HYMN or SONG(S)

Listening

The Collect—the special prayer for the day—is said

There may be one or more Bible readings

After each reading the following response is used

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

There may be a psalm, hymn or songs

There may be a sermon, or talk, or other activities to explore the readings

Responding

One of the following Affirmations of Faith is said

Either

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

(or)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

HYMN or SONG

Praying

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may
include one of the following responses

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, meet us in the silence:
Give us strength and hear our prayer.

(or)

Father of all:
Hear your children's prayer.

(or)

Lord, receive our praise:
And hear our prayer.

The prayers may end with

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

The prayers end with a version of the Lord's Prayer

Either

As our Saviour taught us, 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.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us

**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 offering is received as we sing

HYMN or SONG

Going out

The minister says a blessing, or all say

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all for evermore.
Amen.**

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