

Welcome to church:

not a place,
not a building,
not a service,
not an institution,
In this new year,

**but an invitation;
but a way of engaging;
but a way of serving;
but a path to adventure.
let us gather, and welcome each other:
make space for all, decide to love more,
and break the rules of the world with the
generosity of the kingdom.**

And if anyone asks “why?” or “how?” or “what does it all mean?”
simply use Jesus’ own words: **“Come and see!”**

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our
desires
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake wind
and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Confession

God who sees each one of us, and loves us before we have even begun
to fulfil our potential, we praise you for who you are and who you enable
us to be.

**All Lord God, forgive us when we deny your image
in ourselves or in others.
Forgive us and make us more determined
to look at one another with your eyes,
eyes that love and heal and forgive
as we are loved and healed and forgiven.**

**All May we each remember our baptism this morning.
May we know your blessing resting on our lives this day
and hear again your voice calling us your beloved children.
And may we respond to your invitation to join your mission in
the world. Amen.**

Hymn

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my
Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Reading John 1.43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Talk

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

All We believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed the world?

All We believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers

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

Hymn

I, the lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the
night.
I will go, Lord,
If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my
heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Today, we came and saw.
Today, tomorrow and always
may we renew our invitation to come and see
Jesus for themselves.
And as we do,
may we go in peace to love and to serve
with the blessing of God almighty..

Hymns

I want to walk with Jesus Christ

All the days I live of this life on earth;
To give to Him complete control
Of body and of soul.

*Follow Him, follow Him,
yield your life to Him,
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
Accept the joy which He gives to those
Who yield their lives to Him.*

I want to learn to speak to Him,
To pray to Him, confess my sin;
To open my life and let Him in,
For joy will then be mine:

I want to learn to speak of Him,
My life must show that He lives in me;
My deeds, my thoughts, my words
must speak
All of His love for me:

I want to learn to read His word,
For this is how I know the way
To live my life as pleases Him,
In holiness and joy:

O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
Enter now into this heart of mine;
Take full control of my selfish will,
And make me wholly Thine:

Sending

Into the world

All: we follow you.

Into the questions of life and journeys of hope

All: we follow you.

Into the traditions of our community's past
and unknown future

All: we follow you.

Into the heart of our parish and meeting places

All: we follow you.

Into life, all of life,

All: we follow you.