



Welcome and opening prayer

Opening greeting

Please stand

The world belongs to God,

the earth and all its people

(a large globe is brought forward)

It is good to live in community,

to work and talk with each other

(a tea-towel is brought forward)

Love and faith come together;

justice and peace join hands

(a Bible is brought forward)

If the friends of Jesus keep silent,

these stones would shout aloud

(a handful of stones is brought forward)

We are glad to be in God's house,

to listen and sing and pray

(a lit candle is brought forward)

Hymn/song

Saying sorry to God

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you/us from your sins, and restore you/us in his image to the praise and glory of his name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect – the Church’s prayer for this Sunday

Children’s Slot

Readings from the Bible

Gospel Hymn/song

Gospel reading

Sermon/Talk

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God; the faith that we share as followers of Jesus.

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.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Offertory hymn/song

Notices

Hymn/song

Sending out

This is the day that God has made:
we will rejoice and enjoy it.

Today we will share with God
everything that is important to us.

Go in peace and be kind.
Today we will help those around us.

Go in the name of God,
God who loves us for ever.

Blessing