

*The ministers taking the service today  
are Rev Joe Heaton and Rev Liz Hull*

## 1. Welcome and Greeting

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together  
in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves  
to the service of God.

## 2. Hymn 1 *(see Rushen News)*

## 3. Call to Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 4.17*

*Silence*

**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.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. **Amen.**

## 4. Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living  
God. When shall I come and appear  
before God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"

**These things I remember, as I pour out my  
soul: how I would go with the throng and  
lead them in procession to the house of  
God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a  
multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me; therefore  
I remember you from the land of Jordan  
and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your  
waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.

**By day the LORD commands his steadfast  
love, and at night his song is with me, a  
prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you  
forgotten me? Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?"

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.**

*Prayer:*

Come, creator Spirit, source of life;  
sustain us when our hearts are heavy  
and our wells have run dry,  
for you are the Father's gift,  
with him who is our living water,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**5. Bible Reading** (*see Rushen News*)

**6. Hymn 2** (*see Rushen News*)

**7. Gospel Reading** (*see Rushen News*)

**8. Sermon**

**9. Hymn 3** (*see Rushen News*)

**10. Affirmation of Faith** (*stand*)

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.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

**11. Intercessions**

*the prayers may end with*

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

**12. The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.**

**13. Prayer for Today**

*A period of silent prayer, then the Collect is  
said and all respond Amen*

**14. Hymn 4** (*see Rushen News*)

**15. Blessing** (*stand*)

The Lord bless us and watch over us,  
the Lord make his face shine upon us  
and be gracious to us,  
the Lord look kindly on us  
and give us peace;  
and the blessing ...

*cf Numbers 6.24,25*

Go in the joy and peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

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