

*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 said: *Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.* As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Silence

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

4. Psalm 145.8-15

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayer:

King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign in acts of mercy and enduring love;

raise the spirits of the downcast and

restore those who have fallen away,

that we may sing for ever of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. Bible Reading

6. Hymn 2 *(see Rushen News)*

7. Gospel Reading -

8. Sermon

9. Hymn

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John -
they came with me
and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

10. Affirmation of Faith *(stand)*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every
name: that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen. *cf Philipians 2.6-11*

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

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;

O praise him, O praise him, ...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

O praise him, O praise him, ...

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

O praise him, O praise him, ...

15. Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his
eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

16. The Sending Out

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