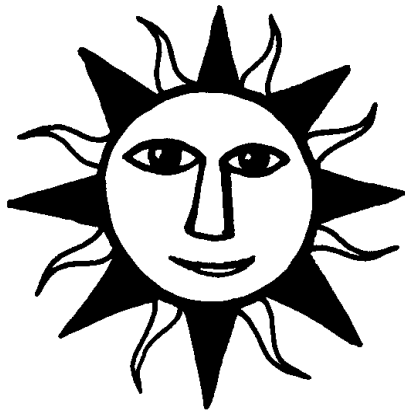


*The minister taking the service today
is Rev Liz Hull*

1. Welcome and Greeting

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help
**and sustain us with your life-giving
Spirit.**



Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you
praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

2. Hymn (stand)

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it
with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass
the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.

3. Call to Penitence (sit or kneel)

The grace of God has dawned upon the
world with healing for all. Let us come to
him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking
healing and salvation. *cf Titus 2.11*

Silence

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to
serve him in the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

4. Psalm 98

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done wonderful deeds.
His right hand has won a mighty
victory; his holy arm has shown his
saving power!
- 2 **The Lord has announced his victory
and has revealed his righteousness
to every nation!**
- 3 He has remembered his promise to
love and be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 4 **Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!**

- 5 Sing your praise to the Lord with the
harp, with the harp and melodious
song,
- 6 **with trumpets and the sound of the
ram's horn. Make a joyful
symphony before the Lord, the
King!**
- 7 Let the sea and everything in it shout
his praise! Let the earth and all living
things join in.
- 8 **Let the rivers clap their hands in
glee! Let the hills sing out their
songs of joy**
- 9 before the Lord,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.

**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:

Lord God, just and true,
you make your salvation known in the
sight of the nations; tune the song of our
hearts to the music of creation
as you come among us to judge the earth;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

5. Reading - see Rushen News – (sit)

6. Hymn (stand)

In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia ,
still today the light shines on, Alleluia ;
Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia ,
Light and Life of all the earth, Alleluia!

Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia ,
by whom all things came to be, Alleluia ;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia ,
full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!

All who now in him believe, Alleluia ,
everlasting life receive, Alleluia ;
born of God and in his care, Alleluia ,
we his Name and nature share, Alleluia !

Christ a child on earth appears, Alleluia ,
crown of all creation's years, Alleluia ;
God's eternal Word has come, Alleluia ,
he shall lead his people home, Alleluia !

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7. Reading - see *Rushen News* - (sit)

8. Sermon

9. 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

10. Intercessions (sit or kneel)

the prayers may end with

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

11. 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.**

12. Prayer for Today

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

13. Hymn (stand)

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word',
Lest the Church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach'.
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood'.
Let us all, for earth's true glory
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive'.
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end'.
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

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14. The Blessing (*stand*)

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant
make us perfect in every good work to do
his will, working in us that which is
pleasing in his sight,
and the blessing of God Almighty;
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be
with us always. **Amen**

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