

Atlantic Coast Cluster

Service of the Word for Sundays

Welcome and Greeting

This service is intended for use at home in these times of great uncertainty. You may say it all yourself or if there are more of you one can lead and others join in. It follows the normal convention where the words in bold are for all to say.

You may like to add in hymns and light a candle and the readings and reflection can be found on the weekly sheet

May God bless you as you worship



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

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come 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.

Amen

Peace

The Peace which has its roots in the Old Testament greeting Shalom aleichem — Peace be upon you — the words with which Jesus greeted his disciples on the first Easter evening,

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

The Beatitudes

We hear God's blessings bestowed on his people

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Confession

We have a time of quiet as we recall the times we fail to meet God's ideal for us, his people

**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**

Absolution

**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.**

Collect

a special prayer for the day is said,

Readings

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

A reading from the 'good news' about Jesus, the Gospel reading, and the reader says
The reading is taken from the Gospel
according to N
Glory to you O Lord

at the end the reader says
This is the Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

This is followed by a time of personal reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We say together what we believe about our faith

We declare our faith in God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

Prayers

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Jesus' disciples asked Jesus how to pray, and he taught them this prayer,
And so we join together saying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The people of God are blessed for the work of God's Kingdom and sent into His world

As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God calls us to share in worship.
Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in prayer.
Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the Scriptures.
Jesus met his disciples on the road and opened the Scriptures to them.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in communion.
Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in service.
Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the good news.
Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.

**Jesus, you are the Way:
guide us on our journey.**

Blessing

**May the peace of the Lord Christ
be with us,
wherever He may send us.
May He guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May He bring us home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**