

A service of the Word For worshipping at home on Sundays

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

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

[A candle may be lit, if desired]

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession & Absolution

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as
Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

A hymn may be sung.

The Collect of the day may be said – see <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/common-material/collects-and-post-communions> or this

Sovereign God,
the defence of those who trust in you
and the strength of those who suffer:
look with mercy on our affliction
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Word of God

Readings for the day.

These can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/lectionary> (we are currently in year A)

Reflections on the readings – (see separate document)

A hymn may be sung.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For Stephen and Peter our bishops,
for the leaders of our churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For this community,
for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

for the sick and the suffering,
[for ... ,]
for prisoners and captives,
and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Remembering [... and]
all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 Blessing & Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.