

**Welcome**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**Hymn**

Awake my soul, and with the sun,  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,  
live this day as if 'twere thy last:  
improve thy talent with due care;  
for the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,  
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;  
think how all-seeing God thy ways  
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,  
and with the angels bear thy part,  
who all night long unwearied sing  
high praise to the eternal King.

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Absolution****Prayer for the Day**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**First Reading** *Romans 8.12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

**Hymn**

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One  
*Thank you, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Oh, for sinners slain  
*Thank you, O my Father ...*

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever, In that Holy Place  
*Thank you, O my Father ...*

## **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 13.24-30,36-43*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told a parable to the crowd: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'"

"An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'"

"No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Hymn x 2**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him;  
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen;  
O open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## **Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Hymn**

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken  
in the deed that made the earth.  
His the voice that called a nation;  
his the fires that tried her worth.  
God has spoken:  
praise to God for the open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate  
heights and depths of life did share.  
Deeds and words and death and rising,  
grace in human form declare.  
God has spoken:  
praise to God for the open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word was written  
in the Bible's sacred page,  
record of the revelation  
showing God to every age.  
God has spoken:  
praise to God for the open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered  
by the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
life redeemed from death and sin.  
God is speaking:  
praise to God for the open Word.



## **Notices**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

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

