

## A Service of the Word for Ordinary Time

*Welcome*

*Preparation*

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

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

*Romans 5:1-2*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Hymn*

*Confession*

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.

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.**

## *Absolution*

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Collect*

Let us pray: God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

*Exodus 19:2-8a*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Anthem*

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia.**

*cf John 10:27*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*Matthew 9:35-10:8*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Reflection*

*Music*

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## *Affirmation of Faith*

Let us affirm our faith:

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.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He 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.**

## *The Peace*

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## *Prayers*

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

*The following response may be used:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*At the end, the following may be said:* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

## *Music*

## *Praise Response*

There are varieties of gifts  
**but the same Spirit.**

There are varieties of service  
**but the same Lord.**

There are different kinds of working  
**but the same God at work in all.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

## *Blessing*

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord; and the blessing of of God Almighty the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**