

Introduction & Welcome

Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

CP#602

Greeting

Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make hast to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

We have come together 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.

The Penitential Order

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and with faith.

Silence is kept.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May our loving Creator, full of mercy, cleanse us from our sins, and restore us to in the image of God to the praise and glory of the Trinity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord,
For he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore our hearts dance for joy
And in our song will we praise our God.

Jubilate (*Psalm 100*)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Matthew 4:12 - 23

The Sermon

Meditation Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say CP#508
Please remain seated.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Hymn: Dear God, Compassionate and Kind CP#455

The Prayers of the People

The Collect Prayer

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has 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.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise CP#393

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**