

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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.**

### BREAKING OF BREAD

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**All: Lord, give us this bread always.**

### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

**All: God our Father,  
you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star  
rises in our hearts. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### HYMN

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### WELCOME

#### HYMN

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**All: and also with you.**

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.  
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us

**All: and we beheld his glory.**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in  
a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your  
call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT

#### BIBLE READINGS AND THE HOMILY

#### CREED

**All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts by  
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 OF INTERCESSION

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the intercessions:*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**All: and also with you.**

## Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.  
In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper  
with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of  
salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he  
comes again.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving  
arms and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**