



CELEBRATING A SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN OR SONG TO CALL US TO WORSHIP

(If you are able, please stand)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

A PSALM may be read

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

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The St George's Prayer

Our Father, as individuals and as a community may we come to know and love you more and more, may we feel your love and care through each other, may we be witnesses to Christ wherever we are, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we be attentive to you, to our neighbour and to your world.

SONGS OF CELEBRATION - *Particularly for the Sunday School*

(Children and Youth may leave at this point)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all Your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

(If you are able, please stand)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is said or sung and/or SONGS OF THANKSGIVING

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT *A period of silent prayer is introduced with the words "Let us pray". The collect is said, and all respond:* **Amen.** *(Please sit)*

THE WORD OF GOD

Readings from the Old and/or New Testament. At the end of the readings the reader may say:
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(If you are able, please stand)

PRAISE

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: **let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**
Open our lips, Lord: **and we shall praise your name.**

A SONG OF TRIUMPH (from Psalm 95)

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
 - 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
 - 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
 - 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.
 - 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
 - 6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 - 7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

HYMN, SONG or MUSIC *to prepare to listen to the story of our Lord*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(If you are able, please stand)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(Please sit)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

How wonderful it is to see your healing presence at work in the world, restoring your creation moment by moment. **Blessed be God**

How wonderful it is to experience your healing power through relationships renewed, minds freed and lives made whole. **Blessed be God**

How wonderful it is to feel your healing touch through those who work with you for the good of others. **Blessed be God**

How wonderful it is to know your healing love through the life and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ **Blessed be God**

How pitiful it is to see your world marred and destroyed by earthquake and flood, by human selfishness and the misuse of your good gifts. **Lord have mercy upon us**

How pitiful it is to encounter lives torn by abusive relationships, destroyed by drugs, damaged by discrimination and oppression. **Lord have mercy upon us**

Let us pray for the churches at large; may they be bridges and channels of peace. **Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Private or public prayers may be offered

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer** or Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

Lord Jesus, you lived your life on earth doing only what the Father commanded you.
Let us be true to you, Lord Jesus, as you were true to your Father.

Father, help us. May we be true to Christ.

You ate with the tax collectors and sinners, you cared for the leper,
you were compassionate to the mistreated and the alienated.
Jesus, may we have your compassion towards others.

Father, help us. May we be kind to others.

You showed mankind the Father. You demonstrated the love of God to the world.
You call us to be your witnesses.

Father, help us. May we take the gospel to the nations.

(If you are able, please stand)

THE PEACE

A suitable introductory sentence is said and then:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *All may exchange a sign of peace*

(If you are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN - the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented

(Remain standing)

**God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole
life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE DISMISSAL = THE LORD SENDS US OUT

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HYMN or SONG to send us out to serve Christ *(If you are able, please stand)*

CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING *God's blessing is pronounced and all respond: Amen.*

May Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with us
and guide us on our way at every turn;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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