

Sunday 8th November – 9.15am Service



Order of Service

Please join in with the words in bold

Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet
with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people, the Church, we have
gathered,
to worship him.
let us pray together...

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free the praise of your Church,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Confession and Responses

Jesus Christ, risen Master and
triumphant Lord,
We the Church, come to you in sorrow
for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

forgive us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

forgive us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

forgive us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:10-22

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants

of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Sermon

The 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.**

Intercessions

Lord in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Communion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed**

Closing Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Blessing and Close

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we can ask
or conceive, by the power which is at
work among us, to him be glory in the
Church and in Christ Jesus throughout
all ages.

Amen.

**Thank you for joining in
with our service this week.**

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