

These words will guide our worship. We will say everything written in normal type. The few sentences reserved for the minister are written in italics.

OPENING WORDS (ALL)

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

As God's children, the church,
let us hear God's word,
enjoy afresh our union with Christ
and so with each other,
and offer to our Father in heaven
ourselves in prayerful response:
let us worship God.

HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

SERMON OR REFLECTION

CONFESSION (ALL)

Most merciful God,
who so loved the world
that you did not withhold
even your only Son, Jesus Christ,
to save us from our sins,
be our advocate in heaven
and to bring us to eternal life,
we confess that in negligence, weakness
and at times in malice,

we have neither loved you
nor our neighbour as He did.

We are truly sorry and turn from our sins.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that, indwelt by your Spirit,
we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

[The bread and wine for communion will be set out. In the following, the congregation divides into two groups, A and B, speaking to each other.]

A: Let us lift our hearts to the Lord:

B: We give you thanks, holy Father, heavenly king, almighty and eternal God, for Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: For he is your living Word: through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (MINISTER)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take eat; this is my body which is given for you do this in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE GRACE (ALL):

Our Father in heaven,

we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you

our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.

Indwell us now by the presence of your
Holy Spirit, that we as your church
in this place might know and proclaim
the unity and peace that
is ours for eternity in Christ.

Grant that we might be a hospitable people,
treating all as we would Christ,
enjoying and sharing your good gifts
of food, drink and fellowship
as a sign for all of the banquet that is laid
in your coming kingdom.

Amen.

THE MEAL

[The offering will be taken during the meal and paper will be passed round inviting all to contribute topics for prayer.]

PRAYERS (ALL)

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, he sits at the right of the Father, always ready to intercede on our behalf.

Adopted into God's family, indwelt by God's Spirit, as the body of Christ, let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

[Matters for prayer are named and the community prays silently for each. The concluding prayer is the Lord's Prayer:]

Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!