

Sunday Worship 2020

This service is based on a Common Worship Service of the Word. It is intended to help us worship God both joyfully and reflectively, when neither the celebration of Holy Communion nor singing is possible.

Preparation

Music may be played as the clergy and ministers enter.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation (*please sit or kneel*)

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Opening Praise (*stand*)

Either the following responsory, or one of two Psalms are said.

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
You teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
The trees of the field shall clap their hands

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

or

**All: I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

**Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.**

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.**

**One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**

**They speak of the glorious splendour of your
majesty –**

and I will meditate on your wonderful works

**They tell of the power of your awesome works –
and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

**They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love. *Psalm 145:1-8***

or

**All: I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**My soul shall glory in the Lord
let the humble hear and be glad**

**O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

**I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

**Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.**

**This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who
fear him
and delivers them.**

**O taste and see that the Lord is gracious
blessed is the one who trusts in him. *Psalm 34:1-8***

Confession of Sins and Declaration of Forgiveness (*please sit or kneel*)

The service leader introduces the confession with these or similar words:

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
To save us from our sins.
to be our advocate in heaven
and to bring us to eternal life.

Silence is kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith:

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
who died for us
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name
Amen.**

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 kee *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

Silence is kept, then the Collect of the day is said.

The Liturgy of the Word (sit)

First Reading

A reading from the Old or New Testament is read.

Second Reading

A reading, usually from the Gospels, is read (please remain seated).

Following each reading:

For the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Following the sermon, a piece of music for reflection may be played.

The Creed (*please stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

We respond in prayer, bringing our lives, our community and the concerns of the world to God.

These may end with

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Following the prayers, a piece of music may be played for reflection.

Conclusion

Blessing

One of the following blessings is said, or an alternative seasonal form may be used.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

or

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All In the name of Christ, amen.

Suitable music may play as the clergy and ministers depart

This service uses material from Common Worship, the Iona Community: *A Wee Worship Book*, and the Northumbria Community: *Celtic Daily Prayer*.

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