

A Midweek Service In Ordinary Time

Welcome and Call to worship

Praise the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God.

Lord, open our lips
and we shall praise your name.

Opening prayer
Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our heart and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Confession

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**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
against you, in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us,
forgive our sins,**

**cleanse us from any kind of wrong,
and help us to overcome our weaknesses.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen by his Spirit,
and bring us new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

**Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.

First Bible Reading

Psalm 89 (Contemporary English Version)

Our Lord, I will sing
of your love forever.

Everyone yet to be born
will hear me praise
your faithfulness.

² I will tell them,
“God’s love
can always be trusted,
and his faithfulness lasts
as long as the heavens.”

³ You said, “David, my servant,
is my chosen one,
and this is the agreement
I made with him:

⁴ David, one of your descendants
will always be king.”

⁵ Our Lord, let the heavens
now praise your miracles,
and let all of your angels
praise your faithfulness.

⁶ None who live in the heavens
can compare with you.

⁷ You are the most fearsome
of all who live in heaven;
all the others fear
and greatly honour you.

⁸ You are Lord God All-Powerful!
No one is as loving

and faithful as you are.
⁹ You rule the roaring sea
and calm its waves.
¹⁰ You crushed the monster Rahab,^[a]
and with your powerful arm
you scattered your enemies.
¹¹ The heavens and the earth
belong to you.
And so does the world
with all its people
because you created them
¹² and everything else.
Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon
gladly praise you.
¹³ You are strong and mighty!
¹⁴ Your kingdom is ruled
by justice and fairness
with love and faithfulness
leading the way.
¹⁵ Our Lord, you bless those
who join in the festival
and walk in the brightness
of your presence.
¹⁶ We are happy all day
because of you,
and your saving power
brings honour to us.

¹⁷ Your own glorious power
makes us strong,
and because of your kindness,
our strength increases.

¹⁸ Our Lord and our King,
the Holy One of Israel,
you are truly our shield.

A time for reflection with the aid of some music
'Draw me close to you.'

2nd Bible Reading –

Matthew 10.40 -42

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

The Intercessions

Led as extemporary prayer.

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 thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever
Amen**

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty
clean.

This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.

Amen.