

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,**

**cleans 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Bible Reading

Psalm 116.1, 10-17

- ¹ I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
- ¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

- ¹⁴ I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.
- ¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.
- ¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord –
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

The Hymn 'My Jesus I love thee'

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 2 I love Thee because Thou hast first lovèd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 3 I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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2nd Bible Reading –

Matthew.9.35 -10.8

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[a] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

The Sermon

The Intercessions and The Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Father,
you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour**

**Through the power of the Holy Spirit
Amen.**

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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with your heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

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