

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

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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 69

Save me, O God!

For the waters have come up to my neck.

² I sink in deep mire,
 where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
 and the flood sweeps over me.

³ I am weary with my crying out;
 my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
 with waiting for my God.

⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head
 are those who hate me without cause;
mighty are those who would destroy me,
 those who attack me with lies.

What I did not steal
 must I now restore?

⁵ O God, you know my folly;
 the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

⁶ Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through
me,

 O Lord God of hosts;
let not those who seek you be brought to dishonour
through me,

 O God of Israel.

⁷ For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
 that dishonour has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 an alien to my mother's sons.

⁹ For zeal for your house has consumed me,
 and the reproaches of those who reproach you have
fallen on me.

¹⁰ When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
 it became my reproach.

- ¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.
- ¹² I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- ¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in
your saving faithfulness.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.
- ¹⁵ Let not the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.
- ¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- ¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant;
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.
- ¹⁸ Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
ransom me because of my enemies!
- ¹⁹ You know my reproach,
and my shame and my dishonour;
my foes are all known to you.
- ²⁰ Reproaches have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none,
and for comforters, but I found none.

- ²¹ They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.
- ²² Let their own table before them become a snare;
and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. ^[c]
- ²³ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see,
and make their loins tremble continually.
- ²⁴ Pour out your indignation upon them,
and let your burning anger overtake them.
- ²⁵ May their camp be a desolation;
let no one dwell in their tents.
- ²⁶ For they persecute him whom you have struck down,
and they recount the pain of those you have wounded.
- ²⁷ Add to them punishment upon punishment;
may they have no acquittal from you.
- ²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the book of the living;
let them not be enrolled among the righteous.
- ²⁹ But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your salvation, O God, set me on high!
- ³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- ³¹ This will please the Lord more than an ox
or a bull with horns and hoofs.
- ³² When the humble see it they will be glad;
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
- ³³ For the Lord hears the needy
and does not despise his own people who are
prisoners.
- ³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves in them.
- ³⁵ For God will save Zion

and build up the cities of Judah,
and people shall dwell there and possess it;
³⁶ the offspring of his servants shall inherit it,
and those who love his name shall dwell in it

The Hymn 'Lord for the Years'

(Please see the recorded service for the words)

2nd Bible Reading –

Matthew.6.1-6

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Sermon

The Intercessions

We offer up our own intercessions in a time of silence.

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.

There follows a two-minute video from World Vision.