

#### THE GATHERING

#### Welcome

**Hymn** Tune: Abbot's Leigh

Father, Lord of all creation, ground of Being, Life and Love; height and depth beyond description only life in you can prove: you are mortal life's dependence: thought, speech, sight are ours by grace; yours is ev'ry hour's existence, sov'reign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others, we, your people, make our prayer: help us love — as sisters, brothers — all whose burdens we can share. Where your name binds us together you, Lord Christ, will surely be; where no selfishness can sever there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning wind and flame of Pentecost, fire our hearts afresh with yearning to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action, nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, **and also with you.** 

### Prayer of Preparation

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.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Silence is kept

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# A Sung Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven, and to all on earth his peace; Lord and Father, King in glory, gifts of praise in us release, so our worship and thanksgiving from our hearts will never cease. Christ incarnate, sent by Father to redeem, renew, restore; risen Lamb, in glory seated, hear our prayers, Lord, we implore. Now to Father, Son, and Spirit

Tune: Regent's Square

be all glory evermore.

#### **Collect**

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## New Testament Reading - 2 Thessalonians I

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. <sup>5</sup> All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with

his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. "With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Hymn Tune: St Peter CM

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds- in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast: 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, Till then I would thy love proclaim my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy Name refresh my soul in death!

# Gospel Reading - Luke 19:1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

#### Song

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.

#### The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

#### The response

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

### Concluding with

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

## Offertory Hymn

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

slain for us: and we remember: the promise made that all who come in faith

find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

torn for you: eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,

paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,

shed for you: drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in

to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again! and we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things

in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

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

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

## **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

The priest and people receive communion.

### Taize Chant and Hymn during Communion

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Tune: Kingsfold

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Final Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name. mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,

new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

#### THE DISMISSAL

#### The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay for the buffet lunch



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