

Service of the Word
(Throughout the Year)

We prepare to worship God

God has revealed his glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Come, let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
To sing your praise with gratitude, and
To listen to your word with eagerness;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We confess our sins to God

Let us confess the sin which always confronts us
Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image;
But we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness
By rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours.
We have done wrong and neglected to do right.
We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.
Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;
Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We are assured of God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power
Forgive *us* from our sins,
Heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit
And raise *us* to new life in Christ.
Amen

We listen to the Word of God

At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father
who has revealed his loving kindness to us,
And in his mercy saved us,
Through the gift of his Son;
Not for any good deed of our own,
But because he is merciful.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Who gave himself up for us
To be free from our sin,
And calls us to be a royal priesthood,
Set apart for himself.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our Saviour;
So that, justified by grace,
We might become heirs with the hope of eternal life.
Amen. [from Titus 2&3]**

We offer our prayers to God

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has 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 forever.
Amen**

We go out to serve God

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you,
now and always.
Amen**

**Lord, give us wisdom before we speak,
Understanding while we listen,
Sensitivity to those around us,
And may we see the things of earth with the perspective of your Kingdom.
Bring us to the day's ending, blessed by our time together;
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen**

A blessing is said

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