

**A Morning Service of the Word
From Common Worship
Thursday 4th June at 12 noon**

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Hymn – Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
To save us from our sins,
To be our advocate in heaven,
And to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
And to live in love and peace with all.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace
 We have sinned against you and against our neighbor
 In what we have thought
 In what we have said and done,
 Through ignorance, through weakness,
 Through our own deliberate fault.
 We have wounded your love
 And marred your image in us.
 We are sorry and ashamed
 and repent of all our sins.
 For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
 Who died for us,
 Forgive us all that is past
 And lead us out of darkness
 To walk as children of light. Amen**

May the Father of all mercies
Cleanse us from our sins
And restore us in his image
To the praise and glory of his name
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us; if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm – Psalm 25.4-12

Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.
All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
For the sake of your name, LORD,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

A reading from Mark 12.28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your

soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Talk

Canticle

Jubilate – a song of Joy *Psalm 100*

**All: O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness
And come before his presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God;
It is he that has made us and we are his;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and bless his name.
For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting
And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

The Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Hymn

**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 you are My disciples
If you have love one to another (x2)**

Prayers

Intercessions – we shall offer intercessions and then have a few moments of quiet prayer.

Let us begin our prayers by saying the collect for today together:

All: O Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: 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.
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

Notices

Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
And keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen