

A Morning Service of the Word

From Common Worship

Wednesday 15th 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.

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 the Book of Exodus 12: 37-end

The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. Many other people went up with them, and also large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. With the dough the Israelites had brought from Egypt, they baked loaves of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honour the LORD for the generations to come.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover meal:

"No foreigner may eat it. Any slave you have bought may eat it after you have circumcised him, but a temporary resident or a hired worker may not eat it.

"It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

"A foreigner residing among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat it. The same law applies both to the native-born and to the foreigner residing among you."

All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm – Psalm 113

Alleluia!

**Praise the LORD, you his servants;
praise the name of the LORD.**

**Let the name of the LORD be praised,
both now and forevermore.**

**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

**The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.**

Alleluia!

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Refrain:

Prayers

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

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

**All: God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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**

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