



## Order of Service for Family Worship

*Please do not take this sheet away*

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**All: Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

#### SAYING SORRY

We come to God from whom we can hide nothing to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**All: God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.**

**May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations: Christ, have mercy.**

**You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations: Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father have mercy on us and forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Bible Readings

*One or more readings from the Bible are read. At the end, the reader says:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Canticle - The Venite

*The Venite, or another canticle, may be said here.*

**All: O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
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.**

### Children's Talk *(optional)*

### Second Hymn

### Sermon

### SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Let us declare our faith together:

**All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*One of the following or alternative responses may be used.*

Lord in your mercy      *or*      Lord, hear your people  
**All: hear our prayer.**                      **and answer our prayers**

*At the end of the prayers...*

Merciful Father  
**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*or*

Lord of the Church,  
**All: hear our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## TIME TO REFLECT

*A time of quiet reflection and private prayer may take place here.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today your 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.**

## THE PEACE

*The following, or another introduction, may be used to introduce the peace.*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn, the collection is taken and brought forward to the altar.*

## THANKSGIVING

Living God of love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: life in all its goodness:

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

Jesus, wisdom and word: lover of outcasts, friend of the poor, one of us yet one with God, crucified and risen: life in the midst of death:

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge-builder, unseen and unexpected, untameable energy of life:

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbour: life in all its fullness, making all things new.

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

## NOTICES

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*An alternative form of blessing and dismissal may be used.*

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to confess him as Lord in all we say and do.

**All: Amen.**

To a troubled world

**All: peace from Christ.**

To a searching world

**All: love from Christ.**

To a waiting world

**All: hope from Christ.**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen us with his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.

**All: And may the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with each one of us, today and always. Amen.**

We go into the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn