



MORNING WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

1. WELCOME

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

and also with you.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the time had fully come you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

In him the fullness of your glory dwells.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

2. WE TURN TO PRAYER

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 Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, speak to us **that we may hear your word.**

Move among us **that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers **that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

3. WE SHARE IN A TIME OF CONFESSION

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith saying together:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. THE ABSOLUTION

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

5. PSALM READING

We say together some verses from Psalm 8
(Another Psalm may be used here)

Lord our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.

Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

Even the babble of infants declares your strength, your power to halt the enemy and avenger.

Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

I see your handiwork in the heavens: the moon and the stars you set in place.

Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

What is humankind that you remember them, the human race that you care for them?

Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

You treat them like gods, dressing them in glory and splendour. You give them charge of the earth, laying all at their feet: cattle and sheep, wild beasts, birds of the sky, fish of the sea, every swimming creature.

Your glory reaches beyond the stars.

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6. THE WORD OF GOD

Readings from scripture *(Please sit)*

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

7. SERMON

8. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Please stand)*

Let us join together in affirming our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

9. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We are led in a time of prayer *(Please sit)*

10. 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

11. FINAL PRAYER

We join together in our final prayer

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.

12. BLESSING & DISMISSAL

A final prayer of blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace. **Amen**