

All: Amen

**We Go In God's Strength**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Song **THE LORD BLESS YOU**  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen  
Amen, amen, amen

May His favour be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
Your family and your children  
And their children, and their children

**Holy Communion - Order of Service**

**We gather to worship God**

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

And also with you.

**Welcome and Notices**

**We Say Sorry to God**

*We share a moment of quiet to recall our need for forgiveness.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**Amen.**

**Hymn DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

### We Listen to God's Word

#### The Collect

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Readings**

**Genesis 15:1-5**

**Matthew 13:31-52**

**Talk - Helen Azer**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Receive by faith  
the spiritual food of the body of Christ  
which was broken for you  
and the blood of Christ  
which was shed for you.  
**Amen.**

### ***Prayer After Communion***

**All:           Father of all,  
                  we give you thanks and praise,  
                  that when we were still far off  
                  you met us in your Son  
                  and brought us home.  
                  Dying and living,  
                  he declared your love,  
                  gave us grace,  
                  and opened the gate of glory.  
                  May we who share Christ's body  
                  live his risen life;  
                  we who drink his cup  
                  bring life to others;  
                  we whom the Spirit lights  
                  give light to the world.  
                  Keep us firm in the hope  
                  you have set before us,  
                  so we and all your children  
                  shall be free, and the whole earth  
                  live to praise your name;  
                  through Christ our Lord.  
                  **Amen.****

### **We Ask For God's Blessing**

**Leader:**   The LORD bless you and keep you;  
                  the LORD make his face shine upon you  
                  and be gracious to you;  
                  the LORD turn his face toward you  
                  and give you peace.  
                  And the blessing of God Almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                  be upon you and remain with you always.

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Leader: We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**All: Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The Book of Common Prayer teaches us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.*

*Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting for those who cannot receive the sacrament at the great feasts of the Church, and it fulfils our duty set out in the church canons of receiving Holy Communion 'regularly, and especially at the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun or Pentecost' (Canon B 15).*

*The Church to which we belong is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ in which we are united with one another. In making our communion spiritually, we join with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.*

### **We Bring Our Prayers to God**

**Intercessions led by Jessica Turner**

### **We Share God's Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

*Hymn*      **FACING A TASK UNFINISHED**  
that drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake

### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

#### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

Leader: The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We thank you, loving Father because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your

Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Leader: 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 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**