Worship

for all the Church Family

*We say together the words printed in* ***bold.***

**Gathering to worship God**

**Greeting**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may follow.*

**Opening Prayer**

**All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Hymns or songs may be sung*

**Collect of the day**

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day, is said or the following Collect can be used*

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

**Saying sorry to God**

**Confession**

God our Father,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,

and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,

without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do

and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

*The minister declares God’s forgiveness.*

May the Father forgive us

By the death of his Son

To live in the power of the Spirit

All our days

**All Amen**

**Praise**

*These words may be said*

Blessed is the Lord

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song we will praise our God.**

*A hymn or song(s) may be sung.*

**Hearing and responding to the Word of God**

**Reading(s)**

*A psalm, hymn or songs may be sung between readings or before or after the Response.*

**Response**

*This may include a (sermon) or talk, discussion, and activities for different age groups. It continues with the Affirmation of Faith and the Prayers.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers may include one of these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

***(or)***

Lord, hear your people

**All and answer our prayers.**

*The prayers may end with*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Joining our prayer and praises into one,

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

**Going out to serve God**

*A hymn or song(s) may be sung.*

*This prayer may be said*

Let us bless the Lord:

**All thanks be to God.**

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,

here and everywhere,

now and for ever. Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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