

# Worship for all generations

Leaders' version

## The Welcome

Words of welcome and introduction are said

### Hymn 1

In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit

**All Amen**

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

**All And also with you.**

O Lord open our lips:

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise:**

Let us worship the Lord:

**All all praise to his name.**

**All 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.**

# Prayers of preparation and penitence

The leader invites us to express our sorrow for our sins, both those things we have done wrong and those things we have failed to do:

**To the words:** Father, forgive us:

**We say:** **Save us and help us**

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins:

For ignoring your claims of overwhelming love in our lives,  
Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

For ignoring the New Commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us,  
and for refusing to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and  
all our strength,

Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

For refusing to live lives of holiness and radical commitment to the Gospel,  
Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

For the times you called us to study the Holy Scriptures and to pray, and we  
spent our time elsewhere,

Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

For our willingness to ignore the human needs of our brothers and sisters,  
Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

For refusing to live sustainably and willingness to harm and pollute our  
wonder-filled and sacred planet,

Father, forgive us:

**All Save us and help us**

The leader declares God's forgiveness:

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## Praise and thanksgiving

We give thanks to God for all the wonderful gifts that God pours down upon us which we so often take for granted

**All Loving Lord, fill us with your life-giving,  
joy-giving, peace-giving presence,  
that we may praise you now with our lips  
and all the day long with our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

At the end of each short prayer, I will say the words, 'Father in Heaven', and please respond, 'We give you thanks and praise'.

**Trial run:** 'Father in Heaven', '**We give you thanks and praise**'

We thank God that we can be forgiven our sins and, through Jesus, inherit eternal life,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For the infinite love of God which sustains us and teaches us about Him,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For the birth-right of all the redeemed, that we may be called the children of God,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For the fruits of the Spirit—for love, joy, peace; patience, kindness, goodness; thankfulness, gentleness and self-control,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For the many, many opportunities to live lives of holiness and the occasions to grow into Christlikeness,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For gift of the Holy Scriptures, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For those who, through lives of godliness and prayer, have helped us and inspired us,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For all your gifts, great and small, spiritual and material,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

For our glorious planet and the plants and creatures you fill it with,

Father in heaven:

**All we give you thanks and praise.**

Amen.

## ***Hymn 2***

# **The Ministry of the Word**

## **The Collect**

There are generally **TWO** Bible readings

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## Hymn 3

### The Gospel

### The sermon

### A Statement of Christian Belief

We stand to declare our faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
the 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.**

# The Prayers

We pray for the needs of the world and for its people.

Lord in your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer

We end these prayers by saying

**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.**

# The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

**All** may exchange a sign of peace.

**Hymn 4** (a collection is taken during this hymn)

## The conclusion and dismissal

We say together the prayer on the sheet:

**All** Eternal God,  
giver of love and life,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world  
to preach the gospel of the Kingdom.  
Confirm us in his mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Notices

We stand to receive the blessing of Almighty God:

\*\* and the blessing of God the Almighty,  
Father Son and Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always.

**All** Amen

### Hymn 5

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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