



Service of the Word

OPENING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

LIGHTING OF A CANDLE ON THE ADVENT RING

NOTICES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated*)

*We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.*

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (seated)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when
your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **AMEN**

PSALM 100 JUBILATE – A SONG OF JOY (stand)

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.**
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is
everlasting and his faithfulness endures from
generation to generation.**

**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.**

GOD'S WORD (seated)

Our Bible reading for the day and reflection

MUSIC (seated)

WE BELIEVE (stand)

Let's declare our hope and faith in God

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.**

WE PRAY *(seated)*

Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
In the nations of the world:
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from
sickness, grief or trouble:
in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered
your eternal glory:
bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

A moment of silence to bring the prayers on our
hearts.

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.**

MUSIC *(seated)*

CLOSING PRAYERS *(stand)*

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

THE GRACE *(stand)*

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen**

MUSIC *(seated)*

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