



## Welcome and opening prayer

### Opening greeting

*Please stand*

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people**  
*(a large globe is brought forward)*

It is good to live in community,  
**to work and talk with each other**  
*(a tea-towel is brought forward)*

Love and faith come together;  
**justice and peace join hands**  
*(a Bible is brought forward)*

If the friends of Jesus keep silent,  
**these stones would shout aloud**  
*(a handful of stones is brought forward)*

We are glad to be in God's house,  
**to listen and sing and pray**  
*(a lit candle is brought forward)*

## **Hymn/song**

### **Saying sorry to God**

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:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

### **Absolution**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you/us from your sins, and restore  
you/us in his image to the praise and glory of his name. Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Collect – the Church’s prayer for this Sunday**

### **Children’s Slot**

### **Readings from the Bible**

### **Gospel Hymn/song**

### **Gospel reading**

### **Sermon/Talk**

### **Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in God; the faith that we share as followers of Jesus.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**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?

**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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Prayers**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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;  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil;  
for the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Offertory hymn/song**

### **Notices**

### **Hymn/song**

### **Sending out**

**This is the day that God has made:  
we will rejoice and enjoy it.**

**Today we will share with God  
everything that is important to us.**

**Go in peace and be kind.  
Today we will help those around us.**

**Go in the name of God,  
God who loves us for ever.**

### **Blessing**