

St Michael and All Angels' Church

Service of the Word (from home)



We say together the words printed in bold black.

1. Greeting

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

All and also with you.

2. Confession

One of the following prayers of confession (A, B or C) will be used:

A) Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,

but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,

nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

B) 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.

C)

**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3. Absolution

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

All Amen.

4. Praise

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

All and we shall praise your name.

5. Hymn or Song

6. Storytelling Time

7. Reading (see separate sheet of Collects & Readings)

After the Bible reading/s the following response is said:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

8. Talk/Reflection

9. Hymn or Song

10. Affirmation of Faith (A, B or C will be used)

A)

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

B) 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.**

C) Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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.**

11. The Collect for the day may be said

(see separate sheet of Collects & Readings)

12. Prayers of Intercession

One of these responses may be used

Your kingdom come.

All Your will be done.

(or)

Loving God, we look to you.

All Receive our prayer.

13. Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you

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At this point the leader may invite everyone to share food and drink.

Otherwise only The Lord's Prayer will be said from the following section ([....]).

13.b [Sharing food and drink

The God of love is with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up with hope for ourselves and for our world

Let us give thanks to the giver of life

All We give thanks for the wonder of life, love and friendship

We do give you thanks, O Lord, for your love for the world.

You look upon us as good. You carry us on into the timeless struggle in bringing to birth your reign of love in the world.

We thank you for our brother Jesus who gave hope to ordinary people like us, crashing through the boundaries that separate us from life and from each other.

With those who have gone before us and those who will come after us, with people of every time, place, culture and creed, we unite with all creation in the hymn of praise saying:

**All Holy, Loving God, mystery of the universe,
who can never truly be named,
heaven and earth are filled with your wonder:
save us, we pray, from small minds and mean spirits,
filling us instead with passion for kindness and justice.**

We remember the night before Jesus died, when He sat with friends and took bread. He gave thanks for everything He had. He broke the bread and shared it with them, asking them to remember His total surrender to the spirit of life and love, and His enduring love for each of them, each of us. And so, we take this food and eat it, mindful of the Spirit of Jesus at work in our lives, in our desire to love generously as He loved.

And likewise, knowing His life was to be poured out Jesus shared the cup of wine with His friends, binding us with Him and all people, through the Spirit at work in our lives. **Amen.**

14. The Lord's Prayer

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.**

I invite you take and share what you have, to receive this as a token of God's unconditional love for you, made manifest in Jesus, but also in a thousand Christ-like ways, each and every day.

Now take your drink and hold it, and be thankful for all the love that you are receiving. God's love doesn't come to us just from something in the past but is present with us, all around, in our world today. So, drink this as a token, as a symbol of God's unconditional arms of love around you today.]

15. Prayer of Thanksgiving

All We praise you and we bless you,
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.
Bless your Church with the fruit and gifts of your Holy Spirit.
Equip us to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved,
serve as you served,
and willingly follow wherever you lead.
To you, Lord Jesus, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

16. Hymn/Song

17. Conclusion

A blessing may be given.

All 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.

