

THE GATHERING

Jim welcomes people to worship

HYMN Abide with me

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

*Minister
of
the Word* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord,
who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness

and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister of the Word We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister of the Word We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We keep a period of silence.

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all
goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

There is no Gloria in Lent.

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Jim

A reading from the book of Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring,

and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading – read by Jeffrey

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn - Dear Lord and Father

Gospel Reading – read by Revd Adelaide

Gospel reader Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God:
O that today you would listen to his
voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Revd Adelaide

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

President 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.**

President 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.**
President 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.**
President 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.

Intercessions – led by Arek

President *Let us pray for the church and for the
 world
 and let us be thankful for God's
 goodness*

*Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ, Creation, human society, the
Sovereign and those in authority, the local community, those who suffer, and and
the communion of saints.*

After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
 Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
 hear our prayer.
 and make us one in heart and
 mind
 to serve you with joy forever.
 Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand.

President Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn Peace Perfect Peace

Preparation of the Table

President God of our journey, as we walk with
you
on your path of obedience, sustain us
on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your
world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your
praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

President Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your
light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread
and this cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again, and is alive
with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.
This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

President Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one
body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sin
of the world, grant us peace.**

(or)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

President **Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.**

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

(or)
President **God's holy gifts for God's holy people.**

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

All **Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the
precious body and blood of your Son,**

that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of
Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

Communion *Hymn* - Abba Father

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices – given by Joe

Final Prayer

<i>Minister of the Word</i>	Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.
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**THE BLESSING
AND SENDING OUT**

Please stand.

<i>President</i>	The Lord be with you and also with you.
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Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer

Our worship is over: our service begins.