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The Bible may be brought into the church; the Minister may call the people to worship.

Let us worship God.

Scripture sentences

This is the day which the Lord has made;
All **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
It is good to give thanks to the Lord;
All **for God's love endures for ever.**

Other sentences may be used or seasonal sentences added.

Prayer of Approach

Let us pray.

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.
All **Amen.**

or

Almighty God,
infnite and eternal
in wisdom, power and love:
we praise you for all that you are,
and for all that you do for the world.
You have shown us your truth and your love
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Help us by your Spirit
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Hymn or Psalm

An appropriate hymn or psalm can be used.

Confession of sin

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

All **Lord God most merciful,
we confess that we have sinned,**



The *Kyries*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Sermon

The sermon may be followed by silence and/or prayer.

Hymn

Prayers for the Church and the world

After each paragraph a response may be said, such as

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Give to our King and to all in authority
wisdom to know and strength to do what is right.

We pray for

all who serve the community

Grant that men and women
in their various callings
may have grace to do their work well;
and may the resources of the earth be wisely used,
truth honoured and preserved,
and the quality of our life enriched.

We pray for

*victims of injustice
the lonely and the bereaved*

Comfort those in sorrow;
heal the sick in body or in mind;
and deliver the oppressed.
Give us active sympathy for all who suffer;
and help us so to bear the burdens of others
that we may fulfil the law of Christ.

We pray for

*our families
friends and neighbours
all who need our prayers*

Keep us and the members of our families
united in loyalty and in love,
and always in your care;
and may our friends and neighbours,
and all for whom we pray,
receive the help they need, and live in peace.

We remember those who have died

Eternal God, accept our thanks and praise
for all who have served you faithfully here on earth,
and especially for those dear to our own hearts ...

May we and all your people,
past, present and to come,
share the life and joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The taking of the bread and wine

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and following his example,
we take this bread and this cup,
and give thanks to God.

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

With joy we give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
that we live in your world,
that you are always creating and
sustaining it by your power,
and that you have so made us
that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.

We give you thanks
that you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him
may not die but have eternal life.

A seasonal or other special thanksgiving may follow here.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us
that he lived our common life on earth;
that he suffered and died for us;
that he rose again;
and that he is always present
through the Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we can live in the faith
that your kingdom will come,
and that in life, in death and beyond death
you are with us.

Therefore with all the company of heaven,
and with all your people,
of all places and times,
we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

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.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy Lord God,
by what we do here
in remembrance of Christ

If the narrative of the institution has been used earlier in the service, as the bread is broken the Minister may say:

The bread which we break
is the communion of the body of Christ.

And as the cup is raised the Minister may say:

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Most gracious God,
we praise you for what you have given
and for what you have promised us here.
You have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.

Now we give ourselves to you;
and we ask that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and that our love may be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn or doxology

Dismissal and blessing

Go in peace to serve the Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

All **Amen.**
