

# JESUS: THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

## *A Service of Prayer, Thanksgiving, Worship, Teaching and Renewal*

*We stand as the service begins*

Grace, mercy and peace  
From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*We may listen to or join in with some music*

*We sit and spend a moment reflecting quietly on the  
week gone past, on all our concerns and anxiety and  
acknowledging the mistakes we have made. We bring  
to God too our hopes for the week ahead and our  
resolve to serve him and our neighbour as we ought.*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close  
at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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.  
**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.  
Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The Old Testament reading appointed for the day is  
read.*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to hear the Gospel*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Glory to you Oh Lord**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Oh Christ**

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A sermon, talk, meditation or reflection make take place at this part of the service

*The sermon is followed by reflective music as we listen to what God is saying to us this day.*

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*(We stand to say the) Creed*

**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.**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect for the day is said.*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love  
of God  
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
And the blessing God almighty, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always  
Amen

Go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**