

The Order of Service for Home Worship

THE LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY or BIBLE SUNDAY



Hymn 1. Thou, whose almighty word.

1. Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
2. Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless in ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide let there be light.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us into life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

45. 22-25

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.'
Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119. 129-136

Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts
understanding to the simple. With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments. (R)

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me. (R)

Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your
servant, and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept. (R)

A reading from letter of S. Paul to the Romans

15. 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'Truly I tell you,' says the Lord, "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

4. 16-24

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation This week we give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, the Word of God. The words of Holy Scriptures bear witness, first and foremost, to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Holy Scriptures detail for us the history of the relationship between God and his people from the very beginning to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the emergence of God's holy Church on earth. In the writings of the Bible we encounter the God who created us, his voice speaks to us as he spoke to those who wrote the scriptures. The Holy Scriptures are our companion in life. In them we walk and talk with Jesus, we hear his voice encouraging us onwards, lifting us when we fall, even admonishing us when we fall short of his teachings. We can carry the scriptures with us when we are alone and we read and hear them with friends when we come together in worship. As members of the family of God in the words of scripture we find ourselves among friends. We can bond with the characters we encounter in both the Old and New Testaments as they become our companions on our journey through life. In reading Holy Scripture we find a renewed sense of what it is to be a part of God's family, a renewed sense of belonging to God and of being loved by God so much that he sent his only Son to share our lives and to die on the cross that we might share his glorious risen life for all eternity. Through his words revealed to us in Scripture our heavenly Father inspires us and assures us of his love and concern for us. In Jesus Christ our heavenly Father reveals himself to us and calls us to be faithful to him. In our collect prayer this week we thank God for the gift

of the Holy Scriptures, written for our learning. Let us pray for a renewed enthusiasm to “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them” that we might know his comfort, his encouragement and his strength in our own lives. For the message of Holy Scripture is that Christ, who led us through death on the cross to the new life of his resurrection will lead us through the joys, sorrows and challenges of this life to our eternal home in heaven.

Intercessions:

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; that in obedience to your Holy Word the Church may reach out and embrace all in the love and peace which only Christ can give.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; that the leaders of the world, led by the Holy Spirit, may be united in purpose in securing a sustainable, secure and peaceful future for all your people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; that guided by your Holy Word we may love our neighbours as God love us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our parish intercession books; may they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and consoled with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they share the eternal glory of heaven in the company of all the saints.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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:

Jesus said, “Peace I bequeath to you; my own peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Lord, thy word abideth.

- 1. Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth.**
- 2. When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.**
- 3. When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.**
- 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?**
- 5. Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the iving;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.**
- 6. O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee,**