

St John's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen
The Scottish Episcopal Church



A Service of the Word

I. PREPARATION

*The words in **bold** are said by all.*

Gathering

A Hymn may be sung

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

We are gathered together as the family of God
to offer praise and thanksgiving
to ask forgiveness of our sins
to hear and receive God's holy Word
to pray for the needs of the world
and to seek God's grace that through Jesus Christ our Lord
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to God's service.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:

to our God, who will richly pardon.

(Isaiah 55.7)

A time of silence is kept.

Kyrie

Creator of the world, have mercy
Source of all goodness, have mercy
Wash away our sins

**Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison**

Light of the world, have mercy
Strength of the faithful, have mercy
Look on us, wounded by sin

**Christe eleison
Christe eleison
Christe eleison**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy
One God in three persons, have mercy
Renew your Spirit within us, and give us new life

**Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison**

(Based on the Sarum Orbis factor Kyrie)

Prayer for Forgiveness

After the Penitential Kyrie, a short silence is kept before saying

**May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(SEC Daily Prayer 1988)

Response

Blessed is the Lord:

Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:

And in our song will we praise our God.

(From Psalm 28)

Gloria in Excelsis or Hymn or Psalm of Praise

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Scottish Liturgy 1982

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Collect of the Day is said and all respond, **Amen.***

II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readings from Holy Scripture

Sermon or other Exposition of the Word

Reflection

A time of silence, which may be followed by music.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and 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 again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

III PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Do not bring us to the
time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

Offering

During a hymn, song, music, or silence, the people's offering may be collected, accepted in silence or the following prayer may then be said.

Generous God, accept the offering of your people for the work of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV CONCLUSION

Act of Dedication

A verse from one of the Readings from Holy Scripture is read.

Responsory

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

A light upon my path.

A lantern to my feet.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

(Psalm 119.105)

Te Deum or Hymn

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord.

All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:

Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all praise:
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then Lord and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Dismissal

**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.**

(2 Corinthians 13.14)

Seasonal Kyries

Lent

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** *(Common Worship)*

Passiontide

Christ became obedient unto death for us, Even death upon a cross:

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

He was pierced for our sins, Bruised for no fault but ours:

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

His punishment has won our peace, And by his wounds we are healed:

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** *(Common Worship)*

Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pentecost

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. *(Common Worship)*

Responsories

Lent

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.

You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have pity upon her.

Make haste to answer when I call.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to answer when I call.

Passiontide

Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.

Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.

His punishment has won our peace, and by his wounds we are healed.

He has carried our sorrows.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Surely he has borne our griefs; *
he has carried our sorrows.

Easter

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

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

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

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