



## A Simple service during the day

### Gathering to worship God

*Greeting*

Let us worship God: Creator, Word and Holy Spirit  
*All* **Amen**

God is with you  
*All* **And also with you.**

This is the day that God has made  
*All* **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### *Welcome and introduction*

### Opening Prayer

*All* **Loving God, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Almighty God,  
whose Word, Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in Christ,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where Christ reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Praise*

*All* **Blessed is the Creator  
for God has heard the voice of our prayer;**

**Psalm 118.14-24**

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and has become my salvation.
- 15 Joyful shouts of salvation \*  
sound from the tents of the righteous:
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up; \*  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
- 17 I shall not die, but live \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, \*  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**All** **Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now,**  
**And shall be forever. Amen**

**Luke 3.15-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### *Affirmation of faith*

Do you believe and trust in God, Creator,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God, Living Word,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God, Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Creator, Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*The prayers include this response*

Lord, in your love  
**All hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end with*

Gracious God,  
**All accept these prayers  
In the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Keep us from the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, are yours  
now and ever. Amen.**

### **Going out to serve God**

**All** Let us bless the Lord:  
**thanks be to God.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

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

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