

## THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**And also with you**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Today is the beginning of Passiontide which marks a change of gear in the season of Lent, with the cross casting its shadow over the coming fortnight. John writes of Jesus being 'lifted up' and gathering all people to himself. All this helps to draw us to the cross as the place where love 'so amazing, so divine' is revealed in all its fullness.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Loving God, you have led us to this place, not to shield us from difficulties in human life, but to heal us and inspire us, till we see the world as you do and love it with your love through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end,  
They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness

Let us come before God to inwardly confess our faults and admit to our frailty  
and be confident in God's promise of forgiveness

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all  
goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

Gracious Father you gave up your son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN

**CHOIR led** 462 'My Lord what love is this'

## THE READING

At the beginning of the reading you may like to say

The reading is taken from the Gospel of Saint John chapter 12 verses 20 to 33

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture **ALL: Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ.**

## THE LORDS PRAYER

**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 CONCLUSION & THE FINAL BLESSING

Rejoice and pray in the Spirit

**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.**

**May the boldness of your Spirit transform us.**

**May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us.**

**May the gifts of your Spirit equip us**

**To serve and worship you**

**Now and always.**

**And the Blessing of God Almighty ,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**

**be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen**

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