

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

INTRODUCTION

The president introduces the celebration

Today we hear Jesus praying and asking God for protection for his disciples who will continue his mission. He says it will be hard going, because they will be hated and persecuted. Jesus has kept them safe thus far, but now they must rely on God's guidance and care from a distance as they continue to implement the kingdom. The call to holiness-both then and now- is demanding and surprising.

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

CALL TO 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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & 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

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

HYMN

Choir led 408 'Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour'

THE READING

At the beginning the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John chapter 17 vv. 6 to 19

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord ALL : **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family In heaven and in earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, Who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love,
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who strengthens us
With power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

THE INTERCESSIONS

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

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 BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

And the Blessing of God almighty the father, the son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you and in you always. **Amen**