

THE GREETING

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**ALL 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**

INTRODUCTION

Today is world religion Day. World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The first such day was observed in 1950. World Religion Day aims to promote the unity of religious peoples so that we can overcome historical differences. For centuries, different religions and faiths have fought each other, and ignored their common values. The purpose of World Religion Day is to work towards a peaceful understanding between faiths.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ calls us to share his love with all in earth and heaven.
Let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and be confident in God's
promise of forgiveness**

**Unclutter our lives, Lord
we have too much,
consume too much,
expect too much.**

**Grant us perspective;
to see this world
through others' eyes
than just our own.**

**Grant us compassion;
where there is need
to play our part
not turn aside.**

**Grant us gratitude
for what we have,
our daily bread
the gift of life.**

**Unclutter our lives, Lord,
give us space,
simplicity
thankful hearts. Amen**

ABSOLUTION

The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness

May the God
who loved the world so much that
he sent his son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy
to serve him in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COLLECT

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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMN

THE READING

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture

ALL: Thanks be to God

SERMON

We welcome David (Johny) Jonathan from Grassroots in Luton

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

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 Father **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

ALTERNATIVE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

**ALL Spirit of Life and Love, here and everywhere,
May we be aware of your presence in our lives.
May our world be blessed.
May our daily needs be met,
And may our shortcomings be forgiven,
As we forgive those of others.
Give us the strength to resist wrong-doing,
The inspiration and guidance to do right,
And the wisdom to know the difference.
We are your hands in the world; help us to grow.
May we have compassion for all living beings,
And receive whatever life brings,
With courage and trust. Amen**

THE CONCLUSION

Rejoice and pray in the Spirit

**ALL 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. Amen**

THE FINAL BLESSING

We have a calling in this world:

We are called to honour diversity,
to respect differences with dignity,
and to challenge those who would forbid it.

We are people of a wide path.

Let us be wide in affection
and go our way in peace.

and the + blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS , CHAT with Johnny