Min: Grace. mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Min: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Opening Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands, were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

Be there at our homing, and give us we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Min: We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God’s holy word to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Min: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**All: Almighty God,**

**long suffering and of great goodness.**

**I confess to you.**

**I confess with my whole heart**

**My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,**

**My wrong doing, thinking and speaking;**

**The hurts I have done to others,**

**and the good I have left undone.**

**O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;**

**And raise me up to newness of life;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Min: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins

To all those who with heartfelt repentance

and true faith turn to him;

have mercy on you,

Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;

and bring you to eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Min: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

Min: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever. **Amen.**

**All: O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;**

**Serve the Lord with gladness**

**And come before his presence with a song.**

**Know that the Lord is God**

**It is he that has made us and we are his;**

**We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;**

**Give thanks to him and bless his name.**

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,**

**And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Bible Reading*

The Apostle’s Creed

**All: 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.**

We sit or kneel to pray.

## Prayers

Min: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All: 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**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Sermon*

## Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive

Suddenly return and never, Never more thy temples leave

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be

Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place

Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder love and praise.

## Blessing

Min: May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all, this day and for ever more. **Amen.**