

**Welcome**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
 Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
 with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
 kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
 high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
 comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
 guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
 of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
 truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
 these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
 he will accept for the name that is dear;  
 mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
 trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
 to whom all hearts are open,  
 all desires known,  
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 that we may perfectly love you,  
 and worthily magnify your holy name;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus  
 Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in  
 heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
 firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
 and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
 we have sinned against you  
 and against our neighbour  
 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****Prayer for the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
 is governed and sanctified:  
 hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
 that in their vocation and ministry  
 they may serve you in holiness and truth  
 to the glory of your name;  
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

**First Reading** *Romans 8.1-11*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ  
 Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of  
 life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the  
 law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the  
 sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the  
 likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he  
 condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous  
 requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do  
 not live according to the sinful nature but according to the  
 Spirit.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their  
 minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live  
 in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what  
 the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the  
 mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful  
 mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor  
 can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot  
 please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but  
 by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone  
 does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to  
 Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of  
 sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if  
 the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in  
 you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life  
 to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

**Hymn**

O for a heart to praise my God,  
 a heart from sin set free;  
 a heart that always feels thy blood  
 so freely spilt for me:

a heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
 my dear Redeemer's throne;  
 where only Christ is heard to speak,  
 where Jesus reigns alone:

a humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
 believing, true, and clean,  
 which neither life nor death can part  
 from him that dwells within:

a heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine;  
perfect, and right, and pure, and good,  
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of love.

### **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 13.1-9,18-23*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address** The Vicar

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Song** May we, O Holy Spirit, bear your fruit  
*by The Welbury Trio*

### **Prayers**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Hymn (Sung Twice)**

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth in peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.



### **Notices**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

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

