



**Service of the Word  
for  
All Saints  
Christ Church  
St Andrews  
St Augustine of Canterbury  
And  
St James  
Anglican Churches**

Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.  
**God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!  
**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

Opening Hymn CP 474 **Jesus Wher'er thy People Meet**

1. Jesus, wher e'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

2. Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near,  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
oh rend the heavens, come quickly down  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Confession

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Collect for Lent IV

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of God's Word

Old Testament Lesson *1 Samuel 16:1-13*  
Psalm 23  
New Testament Lesson *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gradual Hymn CP 397 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who break the darkness  
with a liberating light.  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel  
healing every dread disease.  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

The Holy Gospel *John 9:1-41*

Homily

Reflection Hymn 612 – Healer of Our Every Ill

Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.  
1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts (Refrain)  
2. In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love (Refrain)

3. Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide (Refrain)

4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your  
God  
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all  
your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

God our faithful Shepherd,  
we depend on you for everything we need:  
for daily food, for guidance and protection,  
for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow.  
You respond in abundant provision.  
Thank you for your tender care of us.  
Thank you for soothing the wounds of this life.  
Thank you that in the presence of enemies,  
especially the last enemy of death,  
you are with us, as Shepherd, Host, Home.  
Lord, in your love; **hear our prayer**

Knowing your faithfulness in our lives,  
we bring before you the lives of others,  
the cares of this world,  
entrusting all things to your goodness and mercy.  
Bring healing to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit.  
Bring release to those who are held captive by old hurts  
or new bonds that oppress and entangle.  
Bring freedom to those unjustly accused,  
relief to those burdened with debt,  
comfort to all who suffer from abuse of any kind.

Lord, in your love; **hear our prayer**

We pray for people living precariously in the midst of war.  
Protect, we pray, citizens and soldiers alike,  
and teach us to put away our weapons,  
taking up instead words of peace and reconciliation.  
By the power at work in Christ,  
break down the walls of hostility we build  
so that we may learn to live together graciously.  
We remember those living in the midst of drought and famine.  
We pray for rain to fall and crops to grow,  
and for generosity to overflow from our own hands and resources,  
until all your children receive their daily bread;  
until all your children have clean water to drink;  
until all your children have adequate shelter and medical care.  
Compel us to be better stewards of creation  
so that our habitation is sustainable and responsible.  
Lord, in your love; **hear our prayer**

Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it;  
to see others as you see them;  
and to see ourselves rightly, too.  
Because you have come into this world for judgment,  
we can leave our judgments behind.  
Pursue us all with your goodness and faithful love  
until goodness and faithful love fills every heart  
and informs every action.  
We pray these things in the name of the one  
who came that we might see,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
**Amen.**

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

#### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

### Blessing

Arise! Shine! for the light of Christ is upon you.  
Go into the world bearing the fruit of Christ's light so that all might  
see what is good and right and true; and live as children of the light to  
the glory of God.  
And the blessing of God Almighty ....

### Announcements

#### Closing Hymn CP 502 - You Are the Salt for the Earth O People

**You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

**Refrain Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (refrain)**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! (refrain)**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! (refrain)**

### Dismissal