

Giving in Grace



Service of the Word

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**St Peter's Church
Woolton**



Welcome

Opening sentence

For just as you excel in all things, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness and in our love for you, excel also in this grace of giving.

2 Cor. 8:7

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.

All

All **Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

Confession

When we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All

When we have given reluctantly;
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

All

That we may know the joy of cheerful giving;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All

The minister declares God's forgiveness

Blessing

May the Holy Spirit
who gives gifts to all people,
flood your hearts
with thanksgiving to God.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.

All

Amen.



Prayers

This response may be used

All Generous God
pour out your love.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn

during which the collection will be taken

Collect

All Lord Jesus Christ
by your Spirit you work in us
both the desire and the strength
to fulfil your purpose in our lives:
grant us the grace of generous hearts
and open hands
that our living and our giving
may be acceptable in your sight
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

General Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be truly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Praise

All Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

All therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

Hymn or song(s)

Prayer of dedication

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading(s)

At the end the reader says

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A prayer for giving in grace

All **Heavenly Father,**
give grace to us,
the living stones who form your Church,
to reflect prayerfully at this special time
on our love for you and our neighbour.
Make us mindful of the many gifts
you bestow upon us
and we ask that your Holy Spirit
will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving,
remembering that we are only giving back
that which is truly yours.
Strengthen us Lord to meet this challenge
according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
who has given all
that we may live.
Amen.

Hymn

Let us declare our faith in God

All **We believe in God the Father,**
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.