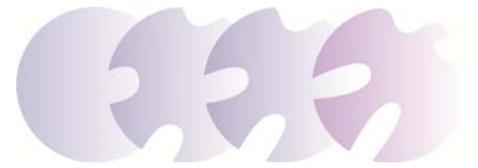


Liturgical services

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We pray for all who are anxious or stressed by the domination of money and possessions. We pray for those in all other forms of sickness, and for those who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we bless you for all who have gone before us in the faith of Christ, and especially we remember...

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for your abundant provision in nature. Thank you that you are our role model in your generosity and bountifulness. Help us to reflect on our attitude towards money, to take steps towards a better future, to ask ourselves questions and to be prepared for change. Transform us in heart and mind, that we might become effective servants of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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/Song-during which an Offering is received.

Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.

Prayer for the Offerings

O Lord our God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God who gives us all things in Christ, swell the harvest of your benevolence, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Rich but Foolish

Luke 12:13-21

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

Welcome

Opening sentence

Jesus said, Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. *Luke 12:15*

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.

**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/Song

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Father God, sometimes we find it easier to put our trust in financial insurance and life assurance policies than to depend on your provision and faithfulness. Sometimes we find it easier to accumulate things for ourselves than to be generous to those in need. Sometimes we find it is easier to maintain personal control than to be open to your guidance.

Father God,
forgive us and grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and wisdom to know the difference.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth. Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, That we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who Serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:17-23

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

Hymn**General Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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.**

Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
 therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

Prayer of Dedication

**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

Luke 12:13-21
 The Parable of the Rich Fool

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

Hymn/Song(s)**Sermon****A Prayer for Giving in Grace**

**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.
 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 might live.
 Amen.**

Hymn/Song

Let us declare our faith in God.
**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

As those who live in the abundance of God's grace,
 let us pray to the Lord, saying
 Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the world in which
 we live; that the leaders of the affluent nations of
 the west may have the desire and the courage to
 share your resources with your children imprisoned
 by poverty and disease.
 Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for your Church, for every
 congregation and gathering. May your people find
 their focus in Jesus and show forth his values in
 their lives and families.
 Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and the sorrowing
and all who need your healing touch.
For the Church's ministry of healing and caring.
Lord, may we give realistically
so that your Church may minister effectively.
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

Father, we bless you for all who have gone before us
in the faith of Christ, and especially we remember...
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

Silent prayer

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on
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Hymn/Song — during which an Offering is
received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially as
you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and
respond with appropriate generosity from your
material wealth.*

Prayer for the Offerings

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
from you all life and grace flows to us.
We offer you this proportion
of all that you have showered upon us,
that we may celebrate your grace.
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

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



A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Jesus and the rich aristocrat
Luke 18:18-30

Prayers and responses **in bold** type are said
altogether.

Welcome

Opening sentence

Jesus said, Things that are impossible for human
beings are possible for God.

Luke 18:27

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.

**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/Song

Coming together as God's family, with confidence
let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to
respond fully to his grace, for he is full of
gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, when we avoid the hard questions that you
ask;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, when we fail to trust you for our futures;
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, when we cling tightly to our possessions;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect

Father of all,
you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son,
and you pour out your Spirit
in a continuing activity of grace.
May we be so caught up in the richness of your
grace that our own giving is renewed
and our own selves refreshed by the living water of
Jesus, in whose precious name we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:10-19

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

Hymn

A Song of David

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.
For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

From 1 Chronicles 29

'Gloria ...'

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
You are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

Prayer of Dedication

**We give what we have, but not all
help us to be more generous.
We serve as we are called
help us to see when you are calling us fur-
ther.
We love within our limits
help us to break down those barriers.
So that we may love and serve you and give
wholeheartedly.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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Reading: Luke 18:18-30

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

Hymn/Song(s)

Sermon

A Prayer for Giving in Grace

**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.
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 might live.
Amen.**

Hymn/Song

Let us declare our faith in God.
**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for grace and strength to live as those
accountable before God, saying
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

We pray for the leaders of nations,
for honesty, integrity, justice and compassion
in national and international politics
and especially in the area of debt.
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

We pray for the Church in all the world.
May all you have called to leadership
have renewed passion for the Gospel,
eagerness for the health of the Church,
and accountability in all their ways,
that they may reflect the glory of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

Lord, your Word teaches us to love your Church, the Body of Christ; make us generous in support of its mission and ministry.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silent prayer

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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/Song — during which an Offering is received.

Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.

Prayer for the Offerings

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; from you flows love and acceptance in abundance and for this we offer you our heartfelt thanks. Accept this proportion of all that you have showered upon us, that we may celebrate your grace.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God our Father, whose grace is everlastingly poured into our hearts, fill you with an overflowing love. **Amen.**

May God the Son, through whose death and resurrection we receive life in abundance, shine in your lives. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who works in us and through us to redeem God's world, give you the power and persistence to follow him. **Amen.**

And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

A SERVICE OF THE WORD



Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 1-10

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

Welcome

Opening sentence

Each should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9: 7,8

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.

**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/Song

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, when we resist your work within us;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, when we prefer not to be changed;
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, when our attitudes are moulded by hardness of heart;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your love for us is beyond measure
and you provide for our every need.
Help us to offer you in worship
a due proportion of our wealth,
for all we are and have is rightly yours.
We make our prayer in the precious name of Jesus,
Lord and Saviour of creation. **Amen**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 15:7-15

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

Hymn

A Song of the New Creation

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
'The people whom I formed for myself,
that they might declare my praise.'

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

From Isaiah 43

'Gloria ...'

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

Prayer of Dedication

**Reshape us, good Lord,
until in generosity, in faith,
and in the expectation that the best is yet to
come,
we are truly Christ-like.
Make us passionate followers of Jesus,
rather than passive supporters.
Make our churches places of radical discip-
le-ship
and signposts to heaven,
then, in us, through us,
and if need be despite us,
let your kingdom come. Amen.**

A Prayer from the Iona Community

Reading: Luke 19:1-10

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

Hymn/Song(s)

Sermon

A Prayer for Giving in Grace

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give grace to us,
the living stones who form your Church,
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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

In humility of heart let us pray to God the Father of all.

Lord, in Jesus we see how you lovingly call all sorts of people and then change them from within; take our hearts and minds, live in us today and every day.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how your call produced a new attitude to wealth and possessions; pour your love within us that we may experience a real closeness to you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how Jesus produced a newness of life; work in the hearts of all in authority in our world that they may work for a more equal sharing of resources with those who are poor, hungry and destitute.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick and suffering; may your healing be upon those whom we name before you now ...
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Lord, your Word teaches us to love your Church, the Body of Christ; make us generous in support of its mission and ministry.

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Prayer for the Offerings

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have our money to offer. Fruit of our labours, symbol of our commitment. It will become a tool to be used for your glory.
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God our Father, whose grace is everlastingly poured into our hearts, fill you with an overflowing love. **Amen.**

May God the Son, through whose death and resurrection we receive life in abundance, shine in your lives. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who works in us and through us to redeem God's world, give you the power and persistence to follow him. **Amen.**

And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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



A SERVICE OF THE WORD **Jesus and the Poor Widow** Luke 21: 1-4

Prayers and responses in **bold type** are said **altogether.**

Welcome

Opening sentence

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

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.

**Faithful One, whose word is life:
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Hymn/Song

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, when your generous love overwhelms us;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, when you pour out your Spirit upon us in full measure;
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, may we reflect your generosity in our own lifestyle;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the abundance of your love, for all that you give us through Jesus.
May we show forth in our lives the generosity which flows to us from you;
make us warm hearted and generous people.
We ask this through the same
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 15:7-5

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

Hymn

A Song of God's Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.
For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he
hide me
and set me high upon a rock.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an obla-
tion
with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

From Psalm 27

'Gloria ...'

Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song we will praise our God.

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you have entrusted us
with the fullness of all that you have given
and empowered us with the presence of your
Holy Spirit:
grant to us joy in our stewardship,
generosity in our giving,
trust in your promises,
and confidence in Christ when our deeds are
judged;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Giving in Grace

Reading Luke 21:1-4

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Hymn/Song(s)

Sermon

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give grace to us,
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We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In humility of heart let us pray to God the Father
of all.

Lord, in your word you teach us that sparse sowing
means meagre reaping; give us generous hearts
as we respond to your love.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us that a generous heart produces
a bountiful harvest; pour your love within us.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to pray for those who govern
us; bless all in positions of authority who take de-
cisions for the nations of your world.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick
and suffering; may your healing be upon those
whom we name before you now

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

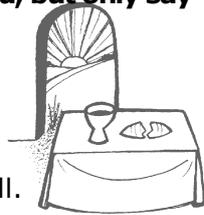
Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy and blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is shared.

Post Communion Sentence

The Lord is good and gracious to all.



A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
open our eyes to see your gracious action in your world. Open our hearts to align our ministry with yours;
and open our minds to focus on the priorities of your kingdom, where Jesus reigns for ever.

Amen.

Blessing

May God who gives us all things in Christ, swell the harvest of your benevolence, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Luke 12:15

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Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, when we have plenty free us from hoarding;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, we think everything is just for ourselves;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, in our spiritual poverty and ignorance;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

A Gloria song

Collect

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth:
deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone,
that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good;
for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the Gospel according Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

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Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
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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

As those who live in the abundance of God's grace,
let us pray to the Lord, saying
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the world in which we
live; that the leaders of the affluent nations of the
west may have the desire and the courage to share
your resources with your children imprisoned by
poverty and disease.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for your Church, for every
congregation and gathering. May your people find
their focus in Jesus and show forth his values in their
lives and families.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are anxious and stressed by the
domination of money and possessions. We pray for
those in all other forms of sickness, and for those
who mourn.
Lord, in your mercy,
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Father, we bless you for all who have gone before us
in the faith of Christ, and especially we remember ...
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Silent prayer

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
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The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were
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that makes for peace and builds up our common life.
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A Hymn may be sung and offerings received.

*Consider all that God has done for you, especially
as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and
respond with appropriate generosity from your
material wealth.*

Offertory Prayer

O Lord our God, maker of all things, through
your goodness you have blessed us with these
gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service
and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption
of all that you have made, for the sake of him who
gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your crea-
tion. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our
Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from
sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with
saints and angels praising you, and *saying:*

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Great is the mystery of faith:

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at the Lord's Table.*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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Holy Communion is shared.

Post Communion Sentence

The Lord is good and gracious to all.



A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you have entrusted us with the fullness of your grace, and empowered us with the presence of your Holy Spirit:

grant to us joy in offering our wealth to you, and confidence in Christ when our deeds are judged; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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**Giving
in Grace**

THE EUCHARIST **Jesus and the Rich Aristocrat** Luke 18:18-30

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Jesus said, Things that are impossible for human beings are possible for God.

Luke 18:27

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Lord, when we avoid the hard questions that you ask;

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, when we fail to trust you for our futures; Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, when we cling too tightly to our possessions; Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

A Gloria song

Collect

Father of all,
you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son,
and you pour out your Spirit
in a continuing activity of grace.
May we be so caught up in the richness of your grace
that our own giving is renewed
and our own selves refreshed by the living water of
Jesus, in whose precious name we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Timothy 6:3-10

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:18-30

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
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Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

We pray for grace and strength to live as those accountable before God, saying
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

We pray for the leaders of nations,
for honesty, integrity, justice and compassion
in national and international politics
and especially in the area of debt.
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

We pray for the church in all the world.
May all you have called to leadership
have renewed passion for the Gospel,
eagerness for the health of the church,
and accountability in all their ways,
that they may reflect the glory of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,
make us faithful stewards of your goodness.

We pray for the sick and the sorrowing
and all who need your healing touch.
For the Church's ministry of healing and caring.
Lord, may we give realistically
so that your Church may minister effectively.
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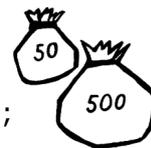
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as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and
respond with appropriate generosity from your
material wealth.*



Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
from you all life and grace flows to us.
We offer you this proportion of all that you have
showered upon us,
that we may celebrate your grace.
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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Holy Communion is shared.



Post Communion Sentence

The Lord is good and gracious to all.

A time of SILENCE - for reflection

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
your love extends to all your creatures without exception
and everyone is called to fellowship with Jesus.
By your grace, may we be changed by that fellowship
and live our lives with his generosity of spirit;
may Jesus be seen in us in all that we do and say.
We ask this in his precious name.

Amen.

Blessing

May God our Father, whose grace is everlastingly poured into our hearts, fill you with an overflowing love. **Amen.**

May God the Son, through whose death and resurrection we receive life in abundance, shine in your lives. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who works in us and through us to redeem God's world, give you the power and persistence to follow him. **Amen.**

And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Welcome and opening sentence

Each should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7,8

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Lord, when we resist your work within us;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, when we prefer not to be changed;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, when our attitudes are moulded by hardness of heart;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

A Gloria song

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your love for us is beyond measure
and you provide for our every need.
Help us to offer you in worship
a due proportion of our wealth,
for all we are and have is rightly yours.
We make our prayer in the precious name of Jesus,
Lord and Saviour of creation. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
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Sermon

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Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

In humility of heart let us pray to God the Father of all.

Lord, in Jesus we see how you lovingly call all sorts of people and then change them from within; take our hearts and minds, live in us today and every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how your call produced a new attitude to wealth and possessions; pour your love within us that we may experience a real closeness to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how Jesus produced a newness of life; work in the hearts of all in authority in our world that they may work for a more equal sharing of resources with those who are poor, hungry and destitute. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick and suffering; may your healing be upon those whom we name before you now ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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Consider all that God has done for you, especially as you see this in Jesus. 'Count your blessings' and respond with appropriate generosity from your material wealth.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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Lift up your hearts.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

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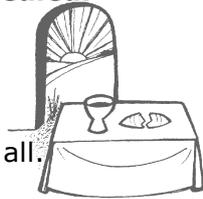
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Welcome and opening sentence

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

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Lord, when your generous love overwhelms us;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, when you pour out your Spirit upon us in full measure;

Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, may we reflect your generosity in our own lifestyle;

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A Gloria song

Collect

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the abundance of your love, for all that you give us through Jesus.
May we show forth in our lives the generosity which flows to us from you;
make us warm hearted and generous people.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

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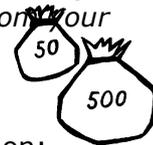
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