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We meet in the presence of God who knows our needs, hears our cries,

feels our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hymn

All

Opening Prayer

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Introduction to Confession

Lord, we are clay and you are the potter. We are all the work of your hand; do not remember our sins for ever. Look upon us in your mercy, for we are your people. A time of quiet as we reflect on the week just past and pray for the grace we need for the week to come.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The minister declares God's forgiveness

Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, for you are gracious. You have loved us from the beginning of time and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy. **Your mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, O God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and saves us from our sins. **Your mercy endures for ever.** We thank you, O God, for you have sent your Holy Spirit, who comforts us and leads us into all truth. **Your mercy endures for ever. Amen**

Hymn

The Word

Psalm

The psalm ends with:

All 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.

Hymn

Readings

Each reading may be followed by a short silence. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn

All

All Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

And at the end Merciful Father,

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

The Collect – from the weekly sheet

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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

Closing Prayers

All In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Go in the peace of Christ .

All Thanks be to God.

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