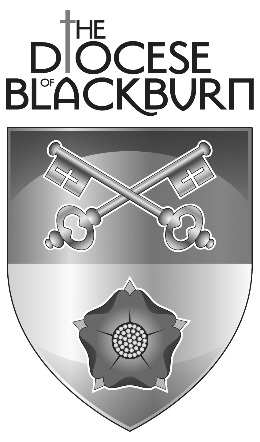
##### Morning Praise

A Service of the Word from Common Worship

**Welcome to Everyone**



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**THE PREPARATION**

*¶* WELCOME

*¶ All stand*

The Lord be with you

***All* and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

***All* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*¶ The opening hymn is sung*

*¶ All sit*

**Prayer of Preparation**

***All* 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.**

**Confession**

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.

***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.**

May 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 life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All*** **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*¶ Please stand to say the Gloria (except in Advent and Lent)*

***All* Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

**The Collect** *is said and all respond:* **Amen**

*¶ All sit*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Readings**

*¶ There may be one or more readings appointed for the day.*

*A Psalm may be read.*

*The reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord

***All* Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*¶ All stand for the creed:*

**The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

***All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*¶ The Peace is introduced with this or another authorised introduction:*

Christ is our peace.

he has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share in his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All*** **and also with you.**

(Let us offer one another a sign of peace.)

*(¶ All may exchange a sign of peace, saying “Peace be with you”)*

##### *¶ A hymn is sung, during which a collection is taken for the work of the church. Our giving is always in response to God’s abundant generosity. Do use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able.*

*¶ All sit for the prayers*

**The Prayers of Intercession**

*¶ This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

***All* hear our prayer.**

*and at the end:*

***All* Merciful Father, accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*¶ All may say together the Blackburn Diocese Vision Prayer:*

***All* Heavenly Father,**

**we embrace your call for us to make disciples,**

**to be witnesses and to grow leaders.**

**Give us eyes to see your vision,**

**ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit**

**and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**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.**

**THE SENDING OUT**

*¶ Notices may be given*

**The Blessing**

*¶ All stand for the blessing. This or another blessing may be used:*

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and may the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us always.

***All* Amen.**

*¶ All remain standing to sing the final hymn*

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All* In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*After the service you are warmly invited*

*to stay for tea or coffee and fellowship*

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