

**Welcome to
A Service of the Word
Third Sunday of Epiphany
26th January 2025**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you,
and also with you.

Hymn

Prayer of preparation

**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.**

Invitation to confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord,
have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises
declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father,
for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined,
righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10 or 1 Corinthians 12.12–31a

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Luke 4.14–21

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn

Profession of faith

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

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

The Lord's 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.**

The Collect

The Collect is said, and the people respond:

Amen.

Hymn & Hymn

Notices

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing ...

Hymn

The Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Exit Music

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