

**WELCOME & Notices**

**President:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit **AMEN.**

**President:** O Lord, open our lips  
*All:* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**President:** Your faithful servants bless you.  
*All:* **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

**President:** *The minister may say*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
 to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
 to hear and receive God's holy word,  
 to pray for the needs of the world,  
 and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 we may give ourselves to the service of God.

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

**President:** Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
 its pride, its selfishness, its greed;  
 its evil distortions and hatreds.  
 Let us confess our share in what is wrong,  
 and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
 which God wills for all his children.

*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.**

**President:** Almighty God,  
 who forgives all who truly repent,  
 have mercy upon you,  
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
 and keep you in life eternal,  
 through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

**President:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,  
*All:* **my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

**President:** The heavens bear witness to your wonders;  
*All:* **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

**President:** The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;  
*All:* **my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

**President:** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
 steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.  
*All:* **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,  
 my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness**

## THE COLLECT

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer. The Collect All Saints is said.*

Almighty God,  
 you have knit together your elect  
 in one communion and fellowship  
 in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
 give us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
 in all virtuous and godly living  
 that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
 that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

### Second Reading Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
 for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
 for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
 for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
 for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.  
 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
 for they will be called children of God.  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

This is the word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

### Affirmation of Faith

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.**

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

*We sit or kneel to pray*

**President:** Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All:* **Our Father,  
 who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done;  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

**President:** In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.....

*These responses may be used*

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

*At the end:-*

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

## Closing Prayer

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

## The Blessing

**President:** God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing ...

**President:** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**