

Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us, O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to You Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **O come, let us worship.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before their presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

they themselves have made us, and we are theirs;

we are their people and the sheep of their pasture.

Enter their gates with thanksgiving;

go into their courts with praise; *

give thanks to them and call upon their name.

For the Lord is good;

their mercy is everlasting; *

and their faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm of the Day

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

...

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

Silence

Sharing: What spoke to you in today's readings?

Response of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers

We are all companions on a spiritual journey. As we travel together, let us pray.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We pray that the worldwide Church may always be ready to travel in your way and in your direction.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We pray for the nations as they live through conflicts and struggle with identity. We long for all peoples to acknowledge the true and living God.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We pray for the families and the streets we represent, asking for a spirit of generous love, understanding and mutual respect.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We pray for all who are finding their way tedious, lonely or frightening at the moment; for those who have lost their way and do not know what to do for the best.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We pray for those who have come to the end of their earthly journey, and for those who have died unprepared.

Light of the world:

shine in our darkness.

We offer our thanks and praise for the way you see us when we are still far off and welcome us home.

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Light of the world:
shine in our darkness.

Collect

Lord God, the well-spring of life, pour into our hearts the living water of your grace. By your light we see light. Increase our faith, and grant that we may walk in the brightness of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Lynn's paraphrase)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us.¹

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for *this* day.

**Forgive us our failings and shortcomings,
and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.**

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

**May you reign in the kingdom, the power,
and the glory of your love, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfast and compassionate love fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

¹ A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us" rather than "May your Kingdom come."