

Minister: Renewed, refreshed and empowered by our encounter with God, let us pray together as we prepare to go into whatever the coming week holds for us

All: **We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are,
whatever it costs, for as long as it takes wherever you call us.
Amen.**

NOTICES

4th HYMN (*during which collection is brought forward*)

CONCLUSION

Minister: We conclude our worship, saying together

All: **God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your
Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.
Amen**

BLESSING

Minister: The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you and those whom you love now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: The Lord says, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.' Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after this service

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, OTFORD



MORNING WORSHIP

ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Minister: Welcome in the name of Christ.

All: God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Minister: God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All: **Come let us worship.**

Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Minister: Loving God, we have come to worship you

**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.**

1st HYMN

CONFESSION

Minister: Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Minister: May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAISE

All: Loving Lord, fill us with your life-giving, joy-giving, peace-giving
presence, that we may praise you now with our lips and all the
day long with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

1st BIBLE READING

*If children and young people
are in church then:*

SHORT ALL-AGE TALK

2nd HYMN

*The children and young people
leave for their activities
during this hymn*

2nd BIBLE READING

SERMON

A choir item may follow here

*If children and young people are not in
church then:*

2nd HYMN

2nd BIBLE READING

APOSTLES' CREED

Minister: Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayers are led. This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY *(the collect)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: Gathering our thoughts and prayers into one, let us pray as our
Saviour taught us.

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.

All: Amen.

3rd HYMN