Welcome to our service this morning.
The outline for today’s service is contained in this service guide.
You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.
It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.
It through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as his people.
As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

THE GATHERING

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation (SoF 1199)

| CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION,           |                               |
| Christ the Head and Cornerstone,             |                               |
| Chosen of the Lord and precious,             |                               |
| Binding all the church in one;              |                               |
| Holy Zion’s help for ever,                   |                               |
| And her confidence alone.                   |                               |

2. All within that holy city
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3. We as living stones invoke You:
Come among us, Lord, today!
With Your gracious loving-kindness
Hear Your children as we pray;
And the fullness of Your blessing
In our fellowship display.

4. Here entrust to all Your servants
What we long from You to gain -
That on earth and in the heavens
We one people shall remain,
Till united in Your glory
Evermore with You we reign.

5. Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One:
One in power and one in glory
While eternal ages run.

The greeting and introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.
PRAYER OF PREPARATION  Please sit or kneel as we pray together

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

CONFESSIONS & ABSOLUTION Please stand as we say together

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

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. All  Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS  Please stand as we say together

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 FOR THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Ephesians 2.19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and
also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

....This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Canticle: Psalm 31:1-6

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
as for me, I trust in the Lord.

We stand for our Gospel reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Priest: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.24-29

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

....This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON Please be seated

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Please stand

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, 
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. 
Through him all things were made. 
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the 
Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. 
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; 
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, 
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, 
who proceeds from the Father and the Son. 
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. 
He has spoken through the Prophets. 
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. 
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. 
We look for the resurrection of the dead, 
and the life of the world to come. 
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Please sit or kneel

Meritorious Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, 
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God’s peace. 
We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.

Hymn: Brother, sister let me serve you (SoF 54)

BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU, 
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace 
To let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, 
We’re together on this road;
We are here to help each other 
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you 
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, 
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping, 
When you laugh I’ll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow 
Till we’ve seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together 
Of Christ’s love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, 
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace 
To let you be my servant, too.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Please remain standing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

God is praised for his mighty acts and we respond
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
The Last Supper is recalled and we follow with the acclamation
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

All baptised and communicant members of other Churches are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not receive Communion for whatever reason are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

A short time of silent prayer follows.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The priest may say a special post-communion prayer

We pray together
Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Our Notices

The Blessing  Please stand
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

We sing our Final Hymn

Final hymn: O Jesus, I have promised (SoF 418)

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2. O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servants be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.