**Preparation**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ***All*** **Amen.**

The Lord be with you ***All* and also with you.**

**Opening Hymn:** *We give immortal praise*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. We give immortal praise to God the Father's love for all our comforts here, and better hopes above: he sent his own eternal Son, to die for sins that man had don | 3. To God the Spirit's name immortal worship give, whose new-creating power makes the dead sinner live: his work completes the great design, and fills the soul with joy divine. |
| 1. To God the Son belongs immortal glory too, who bought us with his blood from everlasting woe: and now he lives, and now he reigns, and sees the fruit of all his pains. | 4. To God the Spirit's name immortal worship give, whose new-creating power makes the dead sinner live: his work completes the great design, and fills the soul with joy divine. |

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,

who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

***All***    **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 to 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.**

Blessed is the Lord,

***All***   **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

***All***   **and in our song will we praise our God.**

….now and for ever.

***All***   **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

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

*Old Testament Reading –* Ezekiel 37:1-14 **–** *The dry bones*

*Psalmody -*Psalm 130 *: Response :* **Lord, hear my voice**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*New Testament Reading -* Romans 8:6-11 – *Life giving Spirit h*

**Hymn: *O breath of Life, come sweeping through us*** *(MP.488) Spiritus Vitae*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. O Breath of life,   come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour. | 1. O Breath of love,   come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in ev'ry part. |
| 1. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need; then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore, for this we plead. | 1. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your church to spread the light. |

*Gospel Reading -* John 11:1-45 – *The raising of Lazarus*

***Sermon***

***The Creed***

***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.**

**Hymn:** *Breath on me breath of God (MP.67) Trentham*

*(during which our offerings will be received)*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Breathe on me, breath of God: fill me with life anew, that I may love as you have loved and do as you would do. | 1. Breathe on me, breath of God; fulfil my heart's desire, until this earthly part of me glows with your heavenly fire. |
| 1. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours to do and to endure. | 1. Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity. |

***Prayers -*** *Intercessions are offered.*

***The Collect****…….***Amen**

*The Lord’s Prayer is said*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***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.**

***The Conclusion***

*Announcements:*

***The Blessing***

  …..and the blessing of God Almighty, ….. **Amen**

*The Peace*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

*All*    **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, AMEN**

***Closing Hymn –*** *Healing God, Almighty Father (MP.226) Hyfrydol*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Healing God, almighty Father,   active throughout history,  ever saving, guiding, working  for your children to be free.  Shepherd, king, inspiring prophets  to foresee your suffering role;  Lord, we raise our prayers and voices;  make us one and make us whole. | 1. Healing Spirit, Christ-anointing,   raising to new life in him;  help to poor; release to captives;  cure of body; health within.  Life-renewing and empowering  Christ-like service to the lost;  Lord, we pray 'Renew your wonders  as of a New Pentecost!' |
| 1. Healing Christ, God's Word incarnate,   reconciling each to all,  God's atonement, dying for us,  his full rescue from our Fall.  'Jesus', saviour, healer, victor,  drawing out for us death's sting;  Lord, we bow our hearts in worship,  and united praises bring. | 1. Healing Church, called-out and chosen   to enlarge God's kingdom here;  Lord-obeying; Spirit strengthened  to bring God's salvation near.  For creation's reconciling  gifts of love in us release,  Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  'Make us instruments of peace'. |