***Preparation***

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

***All***    **and also with you.**

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All*** **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:*** *O Jesus I have promised*

*(T. Day of Rest 7676D)*

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
     To serve Thee to the end;  
   Be Thou forever near me,  
     My Master and my Friend;  
   I shall not fear the battle  
     If Thou art by my side,  
   Nor wander from the pathway  
     If Thou wilt be my Guide.
2. Oh, 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.
3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,  
     In accents clear and still,  
   Above the storms of passion,  
     The murmurs of self-will;  
   Oh, speak to reassure me,  
     To hasten, or control;  
   Oh, speak, and make me listen,  
     Thou Guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
     To all who follow Thee  
   That where Thou art in glory  
     There shall Thy servant be;  
   And Jesus, I have promised  
     To serve Thee to the end;  
   Oh, give me grace to follow,  
     My Master and my Friend.
5. Oh, let me see Thy footmarks,  
     And in them plant mine own;  
   My hope to follow duly  
     Is in Thy strength alone.  
   Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,  
     Uphold me to the end;  
   And then to rest receive me,  
     My Savior and my Friend.

**..**confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

***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.**

…….through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***   **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.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, So may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

***All***   **Amen.**

***The Word of God***

This is the word of the Lord.

***All***   **Thanks be to God**

***Genesis 18:1-10a*** *Abraham’s visitors*

### ***Psalmody* - *No. 15*** Who Shall Abide in God’s Sanctuary?

**O Lord, who may abide in your tent?**

**Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

**2  Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is**

**right, and speak the truth from their heart;  
3  who do not slander with their tongue, and do**

**no evil to their friends, nor take up a**

**reproach against their neighbours;  
4  in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but**

**who honour those who fear the Lord; who**

**stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
5 who do not lend money at interest, and do**

**not take a bribe against the innocent. Those**

**who do these things shall never be moved.**

***All* 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.**

***Colossians 1:15-28*** *The Supremacy of Christ*

***HYMN :* Teach me my God and King**

(T. Sandy’s 6.6.8.6)

1. Teach me, my God and King,  
   in all things thee to see;  
   and what I do in anything  
   to do it as for thee.
2. A man that looks on glass,  
   on it may stay his eye;  
   or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
   and then the heaven espy.
3. All may of thee partake;  
   nothing can be so mean  
   which, with this tincture, For thy sake,  
   will not grow bright and clean.
4. A servant with this clause  
   makes drudgery divine;  
   who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
   makes that and the action fine.
5. This is the famous stone  
   that turneth all to gold;  
   for that which God doth touch and own  
   cannot for less be told.

***LUKE 10:38-end -*** *Jesus Visits Martha and Mary*

This is the word of the Lord…..

***Sermon***

***The Apostles 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.**

***Prayers***

*Intercessions are offered. (WW)*

***The Collect***

*The Lord’s Prayer is said*

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,

so in faith and trust 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.**

***Hymn:*** Through all the changing scenes of life

(Wiltshire 8686)

*(during which our offerings will be received)*

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
     In trouble and in joy,  
   The praises of my God shall still  
     My heart and tongue employ.
2. Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
     With me exalt His name;  
   When in distress to Him I called,  
     He to my rescue came.
3. The hosts of God encamp around  
     The dwellings of the just;  
   Deliverance He affords to all  
     Who on His succor trust.
4. Oh, make but trial of His love,  
     Experience will decide  
   How blest they are, and only they,  
     Who in His truth confide.
5. Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
     Have nothing else to fear;  
   Make you His service your delight,  
     Your wants shall be His care.

***Prayer***

Let us pray together

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,**

**and with them our lives,**

**to be used in your service;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***Notices***

***The Conclusion***

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose,**

**and to praise your name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***The Blessing***

and the blessing …

***Amen***

***The Grace***

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.**

***All******Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, AMEN**

***Closing Hymn –*** *Forth in thy name I go*

*(T. Duke Street LM)*

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
 my daily labour to pursue;  
 thee, only thee, resolved to know  
 in all I think or speak or do.  
  
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
 O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
 in all my works thy presence find,  
 and prove thy good and perfect will.  
  
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
 whose eyes mine in-most substance see,  
 and labour on at thy command,  
 and offer all my works to thee.  
  
4. For thee delightfully employ  
 what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
 and run my course with even joy,  
 and closely walk with thee to heaven.