

St Mary's, Chartham
Morning Service

Welcome & introduction

Notices and Banns of marriage

A prayer for our children may be used when children's activities are offered during the service.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for our children and young people, and for all that they contribute to our church family.

As they go out now, we pray that you guide their leaders, and help them, Lord, to inspire in these young people a love of Jesus, and of your Word in the Bible.

All: Amen

Opening Liturgy

Leader: Please stand

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

All: And also with you

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: 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.
Amen

The Opening Hymn

Confession

Leader: Jesus says “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*”
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.
Please sit or kneel to confess our sin to God
We say together:

***All:* Lord God, we have sinned against You;
we have done evil in Your sight,
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy upon us according to Your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to Your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Remain sitting / kneeling

Leader: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from
our sin, and restore us in His image;
to the praise and glory of His name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

***All:* Amen**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord,

***All:* for He has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Leader: Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

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

Stand for *The Jubilate* – A Song of Joy

(this may be said together or alternating verses).

- 1 *O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*
- 2 *Know that the Lord is God; ♦
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*
- 3 *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.*
- 4 *For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.*

Psalms 100

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.**

The Readings

The first reading

After the reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Remain standing for the Gospel reading

Reader: *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St (name)*

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you O Christ**

An authorised homily is given,

followed by a time of reflection during which music may be played

Leader: Please stand as we declare our faith in the words of 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

Leader: Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer

***Intercessions are offered for the day as we pray for the church, the world,
and people in need.***

During the intercessions these responses may be used:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Leader: Merciful Father

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen

The following responses may also be used.

Leader: Let us remain in an attitude of prayer

Leader: Show us Your mercy, O Lord;

All: And grant us Your salvation.

Leader: O Lord, save the Queen;

All: And teach her counsellors wisdom.

Leader: Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

All: And let Your servants shout for joy.

Leader: O Lord, make Your ways known upon the earth;

All: Let all nations acknowledge Your saving power.

Leader: Give Your people the blessing of peace;

All: And let Your glory be over all the world.

Leader: Make our hearts clean, O God;

All: And renew a right spirit within us.

The Collect for the day

The Lord's Prayer:

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour Himself 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**

A short pause after the Lord's Prayer

We stand for The Peace

The Peace

Leader: Christ is our peace
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in His name and share His peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Leader: Let's share Christ's peace together

The Offertory

The Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection is taken for the church's mission and ministry.

After the offering has been received we say together:

**All: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.
All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.
Amen**

<p>The children may be invited to share their activities</p>

The final prayers at the chancel step

Leader: Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
accompany us on this day's journey.
Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us to bring to others
the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life

All: Amen

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

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