

# The Dismissal

## Notices and Banns of Marriage

*Banns may be read and notices given either here or after the final hymn*

## Hymn

*Any collection is usually taken during this hymn or song*

## Closing Prayer

All

Almighty God,

we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

May it be a lantern to our feet,

a light to our paths,

and a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us

to love and serve

in the power of the Holy Spirit

and in the name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Dismissal

All

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

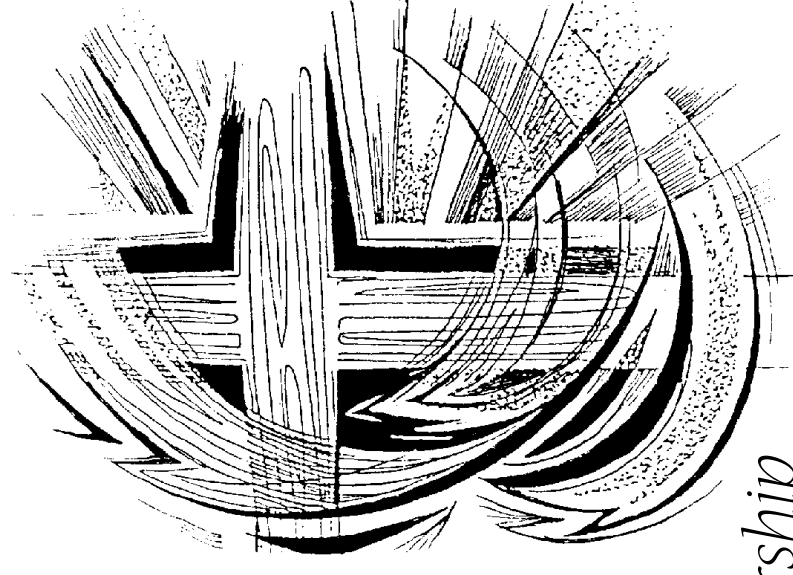
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*In Eastertide this ending is used*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

All



*Morning Worship*  
*following the Liturgy of the Word pattern*



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## Welcoming the Word

Let us stand to welcome the Word of God.

*A Bible may be brought in, opened, and placed on the lectern*

Your word, O Lord, is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

All

*or*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

All

## Hymn

*An opening hymn may be sung here, after the Introduction, or in place of the Gloria.*

## Greeting and Welcome

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

All

*From Easter to Pentecost this acclamation is added*  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

All

## Introduction

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.

*This ending may be used:*

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

All

## The Peace

*The presider introduces the Peace and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

All

*We offer those around us a greeting of peace.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

All

**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 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 of Intercession

*One of these responses may be used during the prayers*

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer

All

or

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

All

## Preparation

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.”

The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

All

## Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,**

All

**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 neighbour 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.**

## The Prayers

May almighty God have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

All

### **Gloria in excelsis**

*Or in its place another canticle, hymn or song may be used*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

All

**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**

*The collect of the day is said, and all respond*  
**Amen.**

All

### **Reading(s)**

*One or more readings may precede the Gospel  
At the end of each the reader may say*

**For the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

All

*A short silence follows each reading*

### **Psalm**

*The psalm of the day may be said or sung.*

*A hymn or song, especially one based on the appointed psalm may be used instead.*

### **The Gospel**

*At the beginning of the reading from one of the gospels, the reader says:*

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

All

*After the Gospel is read, the reader says:*

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

All

### **Exploring the Word**

*A talk, or other learning activity follows here*

### **Hymn**

*A hymn or song may be sung here, or after the Apostles' Creed.*