

**Legacy Week**

**Service of the Word**

## **Welcome**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the  
Lord Jesus,

**Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

**Let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

**And we shall praise your name.**

## **Opening Prayer**

God of our days and years, we set this time apart  
for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives  
may glorify you.

**Amen**

## **Hymn**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Jesus said, "Before you offer your gift, go and be  
reconciled.

As sisters and brothers of God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for  
forgiveness.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to Him:

**Father,**

**We have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again.**

**Have mercy on us,**

**bring us back to yourself**

**as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **Absolution**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us *our* sins,  
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Psalm 84**

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of  
hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the  
courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her  
young:  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and  
my God.**

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house:  
they will always be praising you.  
**Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

**4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,**

5 Who going through the barren valley find there  
a spring,  
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

**6 They will go from strength to strength  
and appear before God in Zion.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
listen, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God,  
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts  
is better than a thousand.  
**Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

**10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house  
of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory;  
no good thing shall the Lord withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord God of hosts,  
blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
be. Amen**

Lord God,  
sustain us in this vale of tears  
with the vision of your grace and glory,  
that, strengthened by the bread of life,  
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;  
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you love your church and wait for her to become  
your Son's bride.  
Give us hearts to love her too and to live our lives  
so that she may grow in strength and purity,  
reflect your love and give back glory to you,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **Epistle Reading**

Acts 9:36-40

### **Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:13-21

### **Sermon**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
Who created all things:

**For by his will they were created and have their  
being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
Who was slain;

**For with his blood,  
He purchased us for God,  
From every tribe and language,  
From every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit

**The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

## **Hymn**

### **Prayers of intercession**

Let us pray for the church, and for the world, and  
let us thank God for his goodness.

*(Prayers follow after each of which the leader may  
say the following, or other words as announced,  
and we respond.)*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

We praise the Father and pray in the words of Christ himself.

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is 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 Peace**

We are the body of Christ  
**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body**  
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace  
**We are bound by the love of Christ**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

### **Hymn**

#### **Closing prayer**

Draw your church together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world,

and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.

**Amen**

**Blessing**

May God,  
Who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
who multiplies loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity;  
and the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, those whom you love  
and those amongst whom you live,  
forevermore.

**Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**