This document contains one service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation and one Service of the Lord’s Supper, together with some of the explanatory material for each.

**A. Services of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation**

The three *Prayer, Praise and Proclamation* services provide a variety of forms for the gathering of God’s people. Each takes its shape around the regular reading of the Bible. *PPP 1* commences with confession; *PPP 2* begins with praise and thanksgiving, with the confession coming as a response to the preaching; *PPP 3* allows for the sermon to be the climax of the service.

*PPP 1* is included in this preview.

**Form 1: Prayer, Praise and Proclamation**

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

1. Songs or hymns may be sung.

2. Appropriate sentences of Scripture or this call to confession are read.

*The minister says*

We are the people of God. The Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have gone our own way,

not loving you as we ought,

nor loving our neighbour as ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed

and in what we have failed to do.

We deserve your condemnation.

Father, forgive us.

Help us to love you and our neighbour,

and to live for your honour and glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. The minister stands and says this Declaration of God’s Forgiveness.

Our God fulfils his promises

and is true to his word.

We have confessed our sins.

God has forgiven us,

because Christ died for us.

or 1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

4. The people stand, the minister says.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures forever!

5. Songs of praise and thanksgiving follow.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

6. The following or another prayer for the hearing of God’s word may be said.

Thank you Father, for making yourself known to us,  
showing us the way of salvation  
through faith in your Son.  
We ask you now to teach us through your word,  
so that we may be ready to serve you,  
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

7. The Bible readings follow, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. A psalm or suitable songs may follow any of the readings.

8. The sermon is preached here or after the creed.

9. A hymn may be sung after the sermon. A collection may be taken here.

10. The Apostles’ Creed is said, the people standing

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,   
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,   
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there 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.

PRAYING FOR GOD’S WORLD

11. The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us 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.  
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.

12. Prayers for the world, the community, the church and the spread of the gospel follow. This set of responses may also be used. Other models are found at the web site under Occasional Prayers and Other Resources.

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens

**let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care,

**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**Send out your light and truth

**that we may tell of your saving works.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

**for we put our trust in you.**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

13. The prayers may conclude with the Grace or a suitable prayer of dedication or dismissal.

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**.

14. A song may be sung.

15. Appropriate words of farewell may be said.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
 **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Form 2: Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

PRAISING GOD

1. The service begins with words of welcome, songs or hymns of praise and prayers of thanksgiving. The following prayer of thanksgiving may be used.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father,

we humbly thank you

for all your gifts so freely given:

for life and health and safety,

for work and rest and friendship,

and for the wonder of creation.

Above all, we praise you for our Saviour,

Jesus Christ,

for his death and resurrection,

for your life-giving Spirit

and the hope of sharing in your glory.

Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

2. The following or another prayer for the hearing of God’s word may be said.

We thank you, heavenly Father,

for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit.

By your Spirit,

help us so to hear your holy word

that we might be equipped for every good work,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3. The Bible readings follow, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. A psalm or suitable songs may follow any of the readings.

4. The sermon is preached here or after the creed.

5. A hymn may be sung after the sermon. A collection may be taken here.

6. The Apostles’ Creed is said, the people standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,   
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,   
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there 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.

PRAYING TO GOD

7. Appropriate sentences of Scripture or this call to confession are read. The minister says

We are the people of God. The Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that Jesus has died for us and intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence and pray together.

**Heavenly Father,**

**we praise you for adopting us as your children**

**and making us heirs of eternal life.**

**In your mercy you have washed us from our sins**

**and made us clean in your sight.**

**Yet we still fail to love you as we should**

**and serve you as we ought.**

**Forgive us our sins and cleanse us by your grace,**

**that we may continue as members of Christ,**

**in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

The minister reads I John 1:8-9 or another authorised declaration of God’s forgiveness.­

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

8. The Lord’s Prayer

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.  
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.

9. Prayers for the world, the community, the church and the spread of the gospel follow. On occasions special acts of dedication may be used, for Scripture or Sunday school teachers, parish councillors and other ministries.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

10. This or another prayer of personal dedication may be said.

Father, take us and use us   
to love and serve you  
and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. A song may be sung.

12. Appropriate words of farewell may be said.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
 **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

A collection may be taken during the song after the sermon or the final song.

Form 3: Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

1. A song or songs may be sung.

2. Appropriate sentences of Scripture or this call to confession are read.

3. The minister says

We are the people of God. The Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us.

So let us draw near to God with confidence and pray together.

Heavenly Father,

you have loved us with an everlasting love,

but we have gone our own way

and broken your laws.

We are sorry for our sins

and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,

forgive us, cleanse us and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,

and to please you more and more;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister stands and says this Declaration of God’s Forgiveness.

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The people stand, the minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

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4. A song of praise may be sung.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

5. The following or another prayer for the hearing of God’s word may be said.

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us,

showing us the way of salvation

through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach us through your word,

so that we may be ready to serve you,

for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

6. The Bible reading follows.

7. A psalm or suitable songs may follow any of the readings.

8. The Apostles’ Creed is said, the people standing.

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but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours   
 now and for ever. Amen.

10. Prayer is offered, including prayers for the government, the church and the general welfare of all people.

**Teaching the Faith**

11. A song may be sung.

1. A Bible reading, on which the sermon is based, may follow.
2. The sermon is preached here.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

1. A song may be sung, during which a collection may be taken.

15. Appropriate words of farewell are said.

The Grace may be said.

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.

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