Gathering and Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Loving God, as we come to worship you help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

Asking Forgiveness

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and to be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Prayer for the Day

The 'Collect' is said by the worship-leader

Listening to God's Word

One or two Bible-readings are used, and a hymn may be sung.

At the end of each reading these words may be used

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A talk, Bible-study or discussion follows.

A hymn may be sung.

Affirming our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

Prayers follow, including 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.

Conclusion

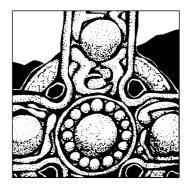
A hymn may be sung.

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you, now and always. Amen.

The Minister may pray a further prayer, followed by:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen.

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