

## **A SERVICE OF THE WORD 2015**

### Gathering

Possible Hymn (*you could include lyrics from <https://hymnary.org>*)

### GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

We are gathered together as the family of God in our Father's presence to offer praise and thanksgiving to ask forgiveness of our sins to hear and receive God's holy Word to pray for the needs of the world and to seek God's grace that through Jesus Christ our Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to God's service.

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Have mercy on me, O God: according to your loving-kindness.

I know my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure: wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

### Gloria in Excelsis or Hymn or Psalm of Praise

*Gloria in Excelsis – either A or B*

#### *A - The Scottish Liturgy 1982*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, with God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit, 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.

#### *B - Scottish Prayer Book 1929*

Glory be to God in the highest, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; and to thee, O God, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; and to thee, O God, the Holy Ghost. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY (See Appendix)

*The Collect of the Day is said and all respond, Amen.*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (See Appendix)

### SERMON or other Exposition of the Word

*The aim of an address is not to have screeds of information taken off the internet. Please keep the description of the saint (if celebrating one) succinct and to the point – like that in Exciting Holiness.<sup>1</sup> I would like to see more of your thoughts and how you think the readings pertain to life today, rather than depend heavily on someone else's thoughts that you've never met. People don't want to read someone else's sermon off the internet – they want to hear from you.*

### REFLECTION

A time of silence, which may be followed by music.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Either A or B or C.*

#### *A - Scottish Liturgy 1982*

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*OR*

#### *B - Scottish Prayer Book 1929*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

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<sup>1</sup> Exciting Holiness: Texts can be copied and pasted from <http://www.excitingholiness.org/first-edition/> It is good practice at the end of the service to add in your acknowledgements of where copying/pasting/plagiarising has occurred.

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And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OR

*C – Service of the Word 2015*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members. The prayers conclude with one of the following forms of the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Either A or B.*

*A - 1982*

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. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*Or*

*B - 1970*

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.

### ACT OF DEDICATION

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

**Your word is a lantern to my feet.**

A light upon my path.

**A lantern to my feet.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Your word is a lantern to my feet.**

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word: may it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Te Deum or Hymn

*Either A or B.*

**A**

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord. All creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you, the noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all praise: and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then Lord and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

*OR*

*B - Scottish Prayer Book 1929 version:*

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

*OR*

C – From SEC Daily Prayer

*One voice or group of voices says verses marked a, another those marked b, all say verses in bold type.*

*a* We praise you, O God;  
we acclaim you as Lord.

*b* All creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

*a* To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

*a* The glorious company of apostles praise you,  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

*b* The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise:  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

*a* You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

*b* When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

*a* You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

*b* You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

**Come then Lord and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. (Alleluia)**

**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.**

Approved by the College of Bishops, 2015.

### Readings

The Calendar and the Lectionary:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/calendar-and-lectionary/>

Will tell you which saint is on which day. Click on the month or week in the Contents and it will take to that week.

<https://www.biblegateway.com> or <https://biblehub.com> top copy and paste the readings. Do remember to spell check and change any American spellings!

### Collects

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/collects-for-experimental-use/>

These can be downloaded as Word or Pdf.

### Exciting Holiness

<http://www.excitingholiness.org/first-edition/>

For Saints particulars, readings, and psalms.