

Morning Worship

The Preparation

You may like to begin worship this morning with this version of [You Raise Me Up](#)

The minister may greet the people.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6

Then the minister says to the people

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.
**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Psalm for the day is said here.

130 from the New Zealand Prayerbook

1 Out of the depths have I called to' you O ' Lord:
give ' heed O ' Lord · to my ' cry.

2 Let your ears con'sider ' well:
the ' plea I ' make for ' mercy.

3 If you should keep account of what is ' done a'miss:
who ' then O ' Lord could ' stand?

4 But there is for'givenness · with ' you:
therefore ' you shall ' be re'vered.

5 I wait for you Lord with ' all my ' soul:
and in your ' word ' is my ' hope.

My soul waits for ' you O ' Lord:

6 more than those who watch by night,
long for the morning,

**more I say than those who watch by night'
long ' for the ' morning.**

Wait in hope for the Lord,
7 for with the Lord there is ' love un'failing:
and with the Lord ' there is ' ample · re'demption.

8 The Lord ' will re'deem you:
from ' all your ' many ' sins.

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

The minister may read the following

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The minister says

Hear these words of scripture.

Love one another,
for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The minister then says

Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

A priest says

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

(A deacon or layperson says 'us' and 'our' instead of 'you' and 'your'.)

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

The Reading from the Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Silence may follow the reading.

The reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

- 1 The steadfast love of the Lord ' never ' ceases:
God's mercies ' never ' come · to an ' end;
- 2 They are new ' every ' morning:
your ' faithfulness · O ' Lord is ' great.
- 3 You are ' all · that I ' have:
and ' therefore ' I will ' wait for you.
- 4 You O Lord are good to ' those who ' wait for you:
to ' all ' those who ' seek you.
- 5† It is good to ' wait in ' patience:
for the sal'vation ' of the ' Lord. *Lamentations 3:22-26*

**Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the beginning · is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever. ' A'men.**

The Reading from the New Testament

Romans 8:6-11

You may like to play [Holy Overshadowing \(Graham Kendrick\)](#)

John 11:1-45

Silence may follow each reading.

The reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

You are Worthy

- 1 You are worthy, our ' Lord and ' God:
to receive ' glory · and ' honour · and ' power,
for you have cre'ated ' all things:
- 2 and by your will
they were cre'ated · and ' have their ' being.
- 3 You are worthy O Christ, for ' you were ' slain:
and by your blood have ' ransomed ' us for ' God,
- 4 ransomed us from every tribe and ' people · and ' nation:
and made us a royal ' house of ' priests · to our ' God.
To the One who is seated on the throne and ' to the ' Lamb:
5† be blessing and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ' ever. ' A'men.

based on Revelation 4:11;5:9,10,13

The Apostles' Creed may be said or alternatively you may like to sing [We Believe \(Graham Kendrick\)](#). Lyrics are below in description of video.

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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.**

The Sermon (if any) may be preached here

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

We pray for:

- *the Church*
- *our community*
- *for those who are unwell*
- *the government and those governments around the world*
- *friends, family and ourselves.*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, 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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

A Collect of the Day, followed by the Collect for Morning

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

God of hope,
in you we see a life that never dies.
Surrounded by death and violence
may we never give in to despair
but rest in you,
our resurrection and our life.
For you are alive and reign with the
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful God bless us
and keep us now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may wish to sing [Blessed be your name](#) (Matt Redman)

The congregation is sent out with these words.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.