

ALL AGE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Gathering Words

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us. As God's people we have gathered.

All Let us worship him together.

Lord speak to us.

All That we may hear your word.

Move among us.

All That we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers.

All That we may learn to trust you. Amen.

Hymn

My Lighthouse

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

All Amen.

Saying sorry

Lord God, our maker and our friend,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.
We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Readings

Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Rhyming Bible Reading

Quiz / Talk

Hymn

Baby Boy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CxFb4J-DHg&list=PLiyIXq6t8iDHEdRxHkAK4CowALvIUNCeK&index=12>

Creed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzVx1Yq-QqA&list=PL8Q8PGsETCz5vKtck StsQQx5uXtpitS&index=2>

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Hymn

Shine from the inside out

Blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

Dismissal

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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