**A Service of the Word Last Sunday after Trinity 25th October**

**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Prayers of Penitence** *we sit or kneel*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer. cf Ephesians 4.30,32

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Collect**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We stand* **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
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.

**Psalm 90.1-6,13-17**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge ♦   
from one generation to another.

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, ♦ from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

3 You turn us back to dust and say: ♦   
‘Turn back, O children of earth.’

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦   
which passes like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep them away like a dream; ♦   
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦   
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? ♦   
Have compassion on your servants.

14 **Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; ♦   
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us ♦   
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

16 **Show your servants your works ♦   
and let your glory be over their children**.

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; ♦   
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

**Reading**

**Address** *we sit*

**The Creed** *we stand*

We proclaim the Church’s faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Son of God, is both divine and human.

God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.

Although he is both divine and human   
he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God;

truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. *from the Athanasian Creed*

**Prayers of Intercession** *we sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

**Blessing** *we stand*

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord  
in all we say and do. We ask this in his name.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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