Therefore with your whole creation, and with all your people since time began, and with all the thousands upon thousands gathered now around your heavenly throne, we honour and glorify you, saying together:

To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG

Come and see, come and see, come and see the King of love; see the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears. Soldiers mock, rulers sneer, as he lifts the cruel cross; lone and friendless now, he climbs towards the hill.

We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet, and a guilty world is washed by love's pure stream. For us he was made sin – oh help me take it in. Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father forgive.'
I worship, I worship the Lamb who was slain.

Come and weep, come and mourn for your sin that pierced him there; so much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail. All our pride, all our greed, all our fallenness and shame; and the Lord has laid the punishment on him.

Man of heaven, born to earth to restore us to your heaven, here we bow in awe beneath your searching eyes. From your tears comes our joy, from your death our life shall spring. By your resurrection power we shall rise.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Father we eat in remembrance of Jesus.

In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Father we drink in remembrance of Jesus.

SONG

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forever more For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

CLOSING PRAYER

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WELCOME

SONGS

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy forever a Holy God, Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

Come and behold...

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS

Our children and young people leave us to go to their groups

SONG

Holy Spirit, living breath of God breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth. Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

BIBLE READING Matthew 25:31-46

BIBLE TALK

DECLARING OUR FAITH

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 Being 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 from 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

SONG

Jesus comes with clouds descending see the Lamb for sinners slain! Thousand thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall then behold him robed in awesome majesty; those who jeered at him and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving shall their true Messiah see.

All the wounds of cross and passion still his glorious body bears; cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers.
With what gladness, with what gladness, with what gladness we shall see the Saviour's scars!

Yes, Amen! Let all adore you high on your eternal throne; crowns and empires fall before you – claim the kingdom for your own.
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, everlasting God, come down!

CONFESSION

Father God, you are the giver of all good things, but we fail to praise and thank you as we ought. Lord, please be gracious and forgive us.

You have given us one another to love and to serve, but we selfishly look more to our own interests.

Lord, please be gracious and forgive us.

You have provided a way to be reconciled to you through the death of Jesus, but we so often reject you, thinking that salvation depends on our own effort. Lord, please be gracious and forgive us.

Your grace is meant to transform us to be more godly, but often we excuse our sin and don't seek to grow and change.

Lord, please be gracious and forgive us.

Titus 3 tells us that "when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy."

Having turned back to God and asked for mercy, we are forgiven!

Thank you, Lord, that you are merciful and that you forgive us through Jesus. Lord, please be gracious and transform us so that we are eager to do what is right. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord Jesus told us to eat and drink this supper to proclaim his death until he comes again.

Heavenly Father, it is our privilege to remind one another that you gave your only Son to die on the cross for our redemption. By his death, as the one perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ has offered all that was needed to take away the sins of the world. By rising to life, he has assured us of our resurrection to eternal life. By ascending to your right hand in heaven, he has poured out your promised Holy Spirit, equipping us to serve you.

How wonderful you are, our God and Saviour! How rich in mercy! How great the love with which you loved us! You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing!