

An abstract, layered geometric artwork. It features a complex network of overlapping lines in various colors, including shades of brown, tan, yellow, and grey. The lines form a dense, intricate pattern that resembles a stylized, multi-faceted object or a complex architectural structure. The overall effect is one of depth and complexity, with the lines creating a sense of movement and depth. The background is a dark, textured grey, which makes the lighter lines stand out.

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A Service of the Word

## Introduction

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

**All And also with you**

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence  
Open our minds to your grace  
Open our lips to your praises  
Open our hearts to your love  
Open our lives to your healing

**All And be found among us. Amen**

*(David Adam)*

## *Hymn: Morning has broken*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come seeking forgiveness for all that we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

**Silence**

**All In God there is forgiveness  
Loving and all seeing God, forgive us  
Where we have fallen short of your image in us  
Where we have failed to support one another  
And be what we claim to be  
Where we have failed to serve you  
Where our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love, we ask your  
pardon**

God forgives us, be at Peace

**Silence**

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is the resurrection,  
And offers reconciliation for the whole human race

**All We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.  
Praise to God who has created us, accepted us,  
And who sends us into the world**

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit journeying in faith together

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together:

**All    May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,  
         whatever our age or experience.  
         May the love of God speak to us all**

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **A reading from Hebrews 1 1-4; 2 5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals,  
that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you  
have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

***Hymn: Brother sister let me serve you***

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10 2-16

**All Glory to you O Lord**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

## **THE CREED**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All**    **Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*Hymn: I will be still and know you are God*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE LORDS PRAYER**

**All**    **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.**

## THE PEACE

Christ who nourishes us is our Peace.

Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young, he has broken down the barriers, to bind us to him and to each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## Prayer of commitment

**All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.**

**Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.**

**Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.**

**In the name of Jesus your living son.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of God, ground of being, bread of life and spirit of peace

Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed

Now and always

**All Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen**

***Hymn: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases***