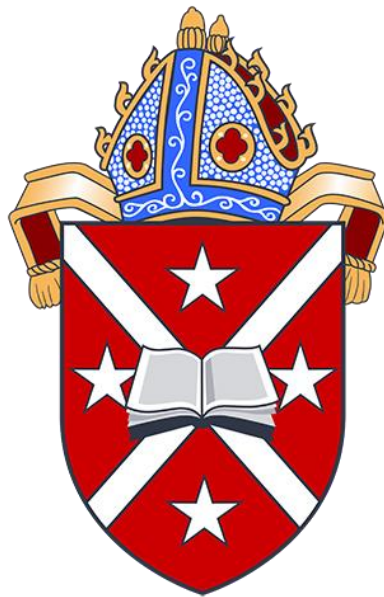


A Service for the Scattered People of the Good Shepherd.





The minister may greet the congregations informally, check connections and make sure that everyone knows how to use the mute button (turn off the microphone). Congregations can greet each other.



*At the end of the opening discussions, each congregation puts their **microphone off**.*

The Preparation

The minister may say

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Or

I runga i te ingoa o te Atua, Matua, Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Amine**

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The following may be said together.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name:
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**



*The host may play an **opening hymn**.*

Congregations can join in as desired, with mute remaining on.

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

The minister says

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

We keep a time of silence

God forgives and heals us.
**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.**
**Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.**
**Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

The presiding priest says the following or similar

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

We hear the Collect for the day.

The Proclamation

Readings from the Old and New Testament follow.



*The host may play a gradual hymn. Join in with **microphone off**.*

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to ...
Praise and glory to God.

After the Gospel a short time of silence may be kept.

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

Reflections

The host may deliver a short sermon or reflection.

*Following this each congregation may spend up to 10 minutes discussion among themselves. **(Microphone stays off)***

*There will usually be a “breakout room” for those joining on their own.
The following questions may be helpful.*

- ***What thought or idea struck you most in the reading or the reflection?***
- ***Was there anything difficult in the reading or reflection?***
- ***Is there a person or situation that the reading or reflection made you think of?***
- ***What “good news” can we take away from the readings or reflection?***



*There may be time to talk about your thoughts with the host and other communities. If so, **microphone on** at that point.*

The Prayers

Microphone on. *The host invites prayer needs to be named from across the centres, with explanations/background given if appropriate. The host may then lead the prayers or lead a time of open prayer.*

*During **The Prayers** following responses may be used.*

God of love:
grant our prayer.

or

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

As Christ teaches 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.**

or

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria,

Āke ake ake. Āmine.



The Peace

We are the body of Christ
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The peace may be shared as appropriate, within and across congregations!

The Preparation of the Gifts and Thanksgiving



Microphone off. The host may play a hymn.
Congregations can join in as desired.

The bread and wine for communion are prepared.

For those using the Reserved Sacrament this is brought to the altar at this time.

*If reserved sacrament is being used and there is no priest present, the host will use the following preparation for partaking in Holy Communion. **Microphone on.***

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, Lord our God,
for this world which you have given us;
you never cease to make it new,
and you call us to work with you;
you accept the work of our hands.
Glory to you for ever

You have made humankind in your image;
each one of us is fashioned in your likeness,
and we are able to recognise your face
in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

Glory to you for ever

You have never desired to live apart from us,
and you have taught us to know you through
the Law and the Prophets,
the Apostles and Evangelists,
who told us the marvellous story of your love.

Glory to you for ever

And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ.
In him you have walked along our roads,
looked at us with human eyes,
done the kind of things that we do,
and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

Glory to you for ever

A seasonal response may be added here.

Now you give us his Body and Blood,
and we give ourselves to you.
Through the death and resurrection of your Son,
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us,
we can make you our eternal home.

Glory to you for ever

So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere
throughout the world,
and with the great procession of your Saints,
as brothers and sisters we praise you:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

*(The above is taken from "Communion from the Reserved Sacrament 1997".
The Scottish Episcopal Church)*

The following may be added for those who are taking communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

God, creator of time and space
may the love and faith which makes
this bread the body of Christ,
this wine his blood,
enfold us now.
Make us one with the whole body of Christ.
May Christ's Holy Spirit
bring to us in the sacrament
the strength and peace we need
and an abiding trust
in your gift of eternal life.

Amen.

One of the following may be said

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Or

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

*The following may be used as a preparation to receive **Communion** and is especially appropriate when the sacrament has been consecrated elsewhere.*

We do not presume
to come to your holy table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your great mercy.
We are not worthy
even to gather the crumbs from under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the body of your dear Son, Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.

The Bread and the Cup are given to each person with the following or other authorised words:

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

For those unable to receive the sacrament the following Act of Spiritual Communion may be used:

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
I invite you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were before me,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, giver of all good things,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
We thank you for your love and care
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life
and uniting us with the blessed company
of all faithful people.

**Therefore, ever living God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing, Closing Hymn and Dismissal



The host uses a blessing suitable for the season or the following:

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

*Ko te Karaiti te hepara pai,
i tuku nei i a ia kia mate mo nga hipi.
kumea koe me te hunga katoa e rongo ana ki tona reo
kia kotahi kahui;
a kia noho ki a koutou te manaakitanga a te Atua Kaha Rawa,
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu
aianei, a ake ake. **Amine.***

We sing our closing hymn.

*Congregations can join in as desired, with **microphone off.***



Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.