

¶ *The Conclusion*

Closing Acclamation

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

All **he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

All **he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

All **he will lead us in God's holy way.**

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.**

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

Morning Worship

on the reopening of the church
after a period in 'lockdown' due
to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic

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St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath

¶ *The Gathering*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Greeting

We meet in the presence of God

All **who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all,
as we come before you
in grief and praise this day,
comfort us with your presence,
make us attentive to your voice,
and sustain us with the hope of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Acclamation

How awesome is this place.

All **This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

All **This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.
You will see heaven wide open,

for the vocation of all Christians ...
for the mission of the church ...

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve:
bless all who, following in his steps,
give themselves to the service of others;
that with wisdom, patience, and courage,
they may minister in his name to the suffering and the needy;
for the love of him who laid down his life for us,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The offerings of the people are collected and brought up to the altar while music is played.

Let us give thanks
for doctors, nurses and all who work in hospitals ...
for all who work in hospices ...
for care workers, cleaners and the staff of care homes ...
for shop workers and delivery service staff ...
for all key workers ...

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayers for the Future

Gracious Father,
whose only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
In times of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Crown us, O God, but with humility,
and robe us with compassion,
that, as you call us into the kingdom of your Son,
we may strive to overcome evil by the power of good
and so walk gently on the earth
with you, our God, for ever.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray
for people who are new to the Christian faith ...
for children in school and their families ...
for our own growth in ministry and maturity ...

and God's angels ascending and descending
upon the Son of Man.

All **This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

All **This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Installation of the Paschal Candle

The president says

Christ yesterday and today,

All **the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

All **to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The president says

Everlasting God, we give you thanks
that our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead,
crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death.
May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

The minister holding the Candle says

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Confession

We approach God in humility and reverence, as we recognise our own failures to live up to the values of the gospel.

All **O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Isaiah 6

May almighty God have mercy on *you*,
forgive *you your* sins,
and bring *you* to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Psalmody

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, ♦
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing ♦
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city ♦
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ♦
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

¶ *Prayers*

Prayers of Lament

Shield us, Lord, from all evil,
and lift us from apathy and despair,
that even when we are terrified
we may trust your power to save
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray
for people who have passed away in this pandemic ...
for those who continue to suffer health problems ...
for those suffering from depression ...
for all who have mental health issues ...
for people who have lost their jobs ...
for those who have uncertain employment prospects ...

Lord, you hide your face
when we trust in ourselves;
strip us of false security
and re-clothe us in your praise,
that we may know you
as the one who raises us from death,
as you raised your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

How generous is your goodness, O God,
how great is your salvation,
how faithful is your love;
help us to trust you in trial
and praise you in deliverance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Affirmation of the Christian Way

As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God calls us to share in worship.

Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in prayer.

Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the Scriptures.

Jesus met his disciples on the road
and opened the Scriptures to them.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in communion.

Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in service.

Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the good news.

Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

- 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, ♦
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ♦
'May they prosper who love you.
- 7 'Peace be within your walls ♦
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake, ♦
I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ♦
I will seek to do you good.

Psalm 122 CW

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Isaiah 43.1-3a

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2.19-22

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Cantic

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old *
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

- 9 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Luke 19.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A sermon is preached