

St Mark's Thursday

Service of the Word on Zoom

Welcome to the new look Thursday Service.

The idea is to keep the service as clean and simple as possible, so we won't be screen sharing at all. The advantage here is that you will be even more aware of each other as we meet together.

This booklet contains the service. You will also need your Bible.

Each week, a leader will identify a psalm and a reading. They will ask people around the group to read these on the morning. You will need to find the reading in your Bible – it doesn't matter which version you have, different versions lead us to different places as we reflect.

The leader will read the words in plain type and a responder will lead the bold type.

The leader will lead the prayers – of thanksgiving and of intercession for the world.

There won't be a hymn, but remember to google your favourite hymns and you can sing to your heart's content.

For some seasons, we may have more elaborate services, eg Advent.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

We are gathered together as the family of God
to offer praise and thanksgiving
to ask forgiveness of our sins
to hear and receive God's holy Word
to pray for the needs of the world

and to seek God's grace
that through Jesus Christ our Lord
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to God's service.

The Lord be with you
The Lord bless you

We confess and seek forgiveness

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:

to our God, who will richly pardon. *(Isaiah 55.7)*

A time of silence is kept, followed by: Penitential Psalm

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

I know my transgressions:
and my sin is ever before me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure:
wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.** *(From Psalm 51)*

*Period of Silence as we reflect on how we fall short of
God's image in us*

**May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Response

Blessed is the Lord:

Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:

And in our song will we praise our God. (From *Psalms* 28)

Collect of the Day

Psalm

Reading

Reflection

Silence

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession -for the world
and its people, for those in need, for the Church and its
members ... concluding with:*

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

We respond and dedicate ourselves, each other and the week ahead to God.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word:
may it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We prayer for God's blessing on each other

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you. (*Ruth 2.4*)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.** (*2 Corinthians 13.14*)