

# For all the Church Family



**The Parish Church of  
St Mary Magdalene  
Lincoln**





## Gathering to worship God

### *Greeting*

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### *Opening Prayer*

**All: Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day,  
is said.*

## Saying sorry to God

### *Confession*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Praise*

*These words may be said*

Blessed is the Lord

**All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All: and in our song we will praise our God.**

# Hearing and responding to the Word of God

## *Reading(s)*

*After each reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## *Response*

*A short reflection is offered.*

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

*The prayers may include one of these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear your people

**All: and answer our prayers.**

*The prayers may end with*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praise into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**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.**

## **Going out to serve God**

*This prayer may be said*

Let us bless the Lord:  
**All: thanks be to God.  
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Thank you for sharing in this service.*

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