



## MORNING WORSHIP (C) COMMON WORSHIP



*Welcome to St Mark's church, at the heart of the community of Westfield. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

### PREPARATION

#### Welcome

Leader We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**All let us worship him together.**

#### Hymn

Notices (including a prayer for children who leave for Sunday School)

Confession (Please sit or kneel)

Leader We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Leader We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution *(we are reminded that God forgives all who repent)*

Leader The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

Collect *(Prayer for the day)*

Opening Prayer

Leader Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**All Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*A psalm may be included here or between the readings*

Bible readings

*At the end of each reading:*

Reader This is the word of the Lord

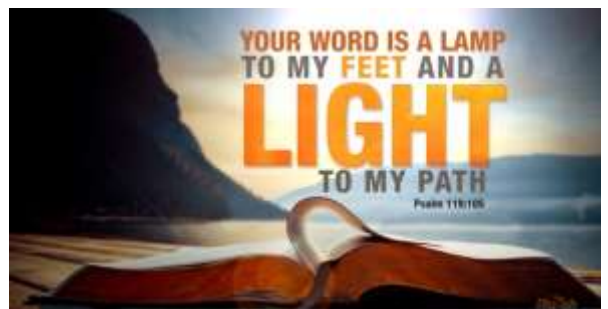
**All Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Sermon *(We explore God's word together)*

Hymn

Offering *(The offering goes to the ministry of St Mark's. The plate is available at the back of church before and after the service)*



**Creed**     *(We stand to declare our faith)*  
Leader     We say together in faith  
**All**       **Holy, holy, holy**  
              **is the Lord God almighty,**  
              **who was, and is, and is to come.**

Leader     We believe in God the Father,  
              who created all things:  
**All**       **for by his will they were created**  
              **and have their being.**

Leader     We believe in God the Son,  
              who was slain:  
**All**       **for with his blood,**  
              **he purchased us for God,**  
              **from every tribe and language,**  
              **from every people and nation.**

Leader     We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**All**       **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'**  
              **Even so come, Lord Jesus!**  
              **Amen.**

## PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*

*This or another response may be used*

Leader     Lord, in your mercy  
**All**       **Hear our prayer**

*And at the end*

Leader     Merciful Father,  
**All**       **Accept these prayers**  
              **for the sake of your Son,**  
              **our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
              **Amen**



## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

## CONCLUSION

### Hymn

### Closing Prayer

Leader    Jesus, lord of time,  
**All**      **hold us in your eternity.**  
Leader    Jesus, image of God,  
**All**      **travel with us the life of faith.**  
Leader    Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**All**      **heal the brokenness of our world.**  
Leader    Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
**All**      **draw us into your future. Amen.**



### Blessing

*This or another blessing may be said*

Leader    May the Father keep you in all your days.  
            May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
            May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
            May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
            and pour upon you blessing and light.  
**All**      **Amen.**

*Please stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship.*

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