



**SERVICE ORDER SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING RESPONSES – Psalm 66**

All who worship God,  
come here and listen;  
***I will tell you everything  
God has done for me.***

<sup>17</sup> I prayed to the Lord,  
***and I praised him.***

<sup>18</sup> If my thoughts had been sinful,  
***he would have refused  
to hear me.***

<sup>19</sup> But God did listen  
***and answered my prayer.***

<sup>20</sup> Let's praise God!  
***He listened when I prayed,  
and he is always kind.***

***Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it  
was in the beginning is now and will be forevermore. Amen.***

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

We often find it hard to follow God in the way we live our lives, and to be faithful in our witness to Him. We are worried about what other people will think of us, and want to put ourselves and our own wants first. We need to confess our selfishness and self-centredness to God, and ask for His forgiveness.

***Heavenly Father, we are often found wanting when it comes to giving witness to You in everything we say and do. Forgive us for not trusting You, not following You, and not treating others with the same love and acceptance You show to us. In the same way that we know and experience Your love, help us to reflect it in our lives. Amen.***

God promises us that whenever we come before Him and confess our sins, He forgives us. In our Gospel reading today Jesus reminds us that God has sent us the Holy Spirit to bring us to faith in Him and keep us in that faith. All who now come to Him in faith and confess their sins can now be sure of God's forgiveness. Know and live in this promise each day.

***Amen.***

## **PRAYER**

Lord God, we thank You for giving us faith in You. Help us to  
***Amen.***

**BIBLE READINGS** – *use from the separate file sent out.*

*After each reading*

This is the Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Use the Apostles' Creed, or YouTube the song 'This I Believe'*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI\\_FbWTkg&t=274s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg&t=274s)

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.***

***And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,***

***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**ADDRESS** – *read and/or watch Pastor Andrew’s introduction to this week’s address. Then go through the rest of the address and reflect on or discuss the questions there.*

**SONG** – *if you wish to, use one of the songs suggested in the email/on the website, or find or use your own choices.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

***We thank You, Lord God, for all the things that You have given to us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Help us to use all that we have and all that we are to serve You. Amen.***

### **PRAYERS**

*You may wish to use the prayers which have been sent out, or to come up with your own.*

*After each prayer, you may wish to use the response:  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*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 forever. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and give us His peace.

***Amen.***

