

ST MARK'S CHURCH WESTFIELD



# MORNING WORSHIP (A) 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

Leader Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with youAll and also with you.

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### <u>Welcome</u>

## <u>Hymn</u>

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

### Introduction

Leader We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God. <u>Confession</u> (Please sit or kneel) An introduction to the confession may be said

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<u>**Collect</u>** (special prayer for today)</u>

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

- Leader May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.
- Leader Blessed is the Lord,
- All For he has heard the voice of our prayer;
- Leader Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy!
- All And in our song will we praise our God.
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Leader We thank you, O God, for you are gracious. You have loved us from the beginning of time and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy.
- All Your mercy endures for ever
- Leader We thank you, O God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and saves us from our sins.
- All Your mercy endures for ever
- Leader We thank you, O God, for you have sent your Holy Spirit, who comforts us and leads us into all truth.
- All Your mercy endures forever. Amen

**Opening Prayer** 

Leader The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

Leader As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.** 



# THE WORD OF GOD

A psalm may be included here or between the readings and may end with:

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.

**Bible readings** 

At the end of each reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord **All Thanks be to God** 



<u>Hymn</u>

<u>Sermon</u> (We explore God's word together)

#### <u>Hymn</u>

<u>Offering</u> (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) I believe in God the Father almighty, A11 creator of heaven and earth I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel)



#### The Lord's Prayer

Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, As our Saviour has 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.

# CONCLUSION

#### <u>Hymn</u>

### <u>Blessing</u>

This or another blessing may be said

- Leader The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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 Grace
- All 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.

Please stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

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