

Commitment Sunday

Third Sunday Service

Introduction

What is this service about?

WELCOME

Opening responses

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and praise him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

(From Psalm 95)

Song
Make a difference

Prayers of penitence

God our Creator,
you build your church as a body, with a place for each of us,
but we act as though some are more important than others:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves,
but we act as though we can do that without helping each other:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit our Advocate and Guide,
you reveal the love of God in our hearts and show us our true self,
but we ignore your inspiration and hide who we are:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God who made each of us and loves us
forgive us and free us from the sins that separate us
from each other and from God,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for the day

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

New Testament reading

1 Cor 12: 4-6, 12-20

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone...

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

Gradual song

Christ has no body now but yours

Gospel reading

Matthew 5: 13-16

Hear the gospel of our Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

What we do and what we can give

Video

Exploration time

Puzzle: cut out and complete your jigsaw piece, and share it.

Labyrinth: a journey of reflection about your place.

Drawing: what is your place? Draw yourself as part of a body.

Coffee: a chance to share with the rest of the body.

Reflection: where do we fit in the body of this church?

Gathering song:

Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred
He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

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Affirming our faith

Let us affirm our faith in God together.
**We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

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

Prayers asking for help

Final hymn
Take my life

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Closing blessing

May God the Creator,
who made us for relationship and service in the Kingdom,
give us strength and peace and health and joy.
Amen!

May God the Redeemer,
who died to make us into the new body of the church,
teach and support us as we learn who we are and what we can give.
Amen!

May God the Spirit,
who sets our hearts on fire with love for God and our neighbours,
inspire us to become living church here in Trumpington.
Amen!

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with us, our loved ones and all God's children,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Birthdays and anniversaries

**Happy birthday to you.
Happy birthday to you.
God bless you and keep you
Another year through.**

**All: May the light of Christ shine out in your life, when resting, when working and
when playing, all through the coming year.
Amen**

Notices