

St Mary Magdalene, Geddington and St Mary the Virgin, Weekley



Morning Prayer

Gathering and Welcome

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

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

Silence is kept

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**

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of
the world.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution (Prayer for God's Forgiveness)

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect for the day

Let us Pray... *Silence*
Amen

First Reading *Please Sit*

At the end the reader may say:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm *A Psalm may be read prayerfully. Please repeat the refrain when directed.*

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily or Talk

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
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 he 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

This or another canticle (on a separate sheet) will be said. Please join in with the bold type, leaving a brief pause at the asterisk.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old *
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

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**

Prayers of Intercession

During this time prayers of intercession may be offered. This may often take a more interactive approach than normal and may involve various stations to visit around the church.

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or

Lord hear us,
Lord graciously hear us

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

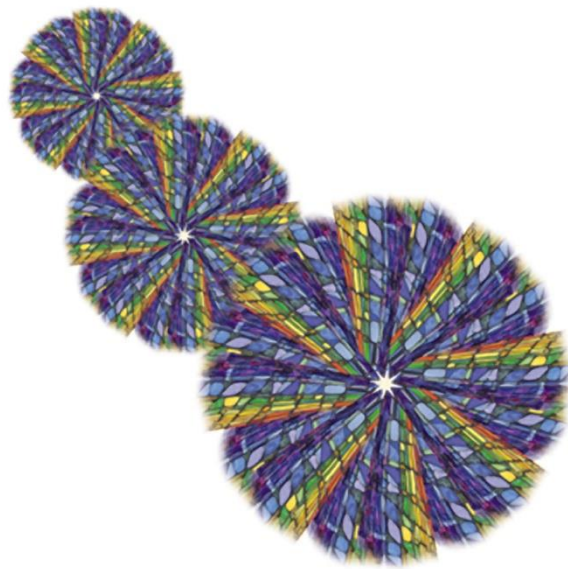
The Dismissal

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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