

***Welcome and gathering worship***

***Prayer for Flames***

**We gather in the name of Christ.  
In him we are restored to God.  
In him we are made new.  
In his name we rejoice.  
Through his love we are forgiven.  
In his presence we are united.  
May his name be praised for ever.  
Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

***Songs:*** All creatures of our God and King

**God our Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, lived in a family at Nazareth. As we meet together now help us to learn more about what it is to love our families and friends as you love us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Prayer of confession and absolution:***

Heavenly Father, parent of us all, we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to.  
Lord God, forgive us;  
**and help us to be more loving.**

There are times when we insist on getting our own way despite what others feel.  
Lord God, forgive us;  
**and help us to be more loving.**

Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to seek peace, or say things which hurt one another.  
Lord God, forgive us;  
**and help us to be more loving.**

God has loved us, sending his Son Jesus to show us the true meaning of forgiveness.  
Lord God, forgive us;  
**and help us to be more loving. Amen.**

***Song of praise:*** My heart is full

***The special prayer for today:***

**God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen**

***Old Testament Reading:*** Exodus 2:1-10

***Gospel Reading:***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John  
**Praise to you O Lord**  
John 19:25(b)-27  
This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

***Sermon***

***Song:*** What kind of love is this.

***Prayers of Intercession***

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

***The peace***

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn:** Behold the lamb

**The Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

...we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

... in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

and preserve her in peace ...

**Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's prayer:**

*Please sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

*We share bread and wine together*

**Prayer after Communion**

**Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Notices**

**Songs:** Give thanks with a grateful heart, I'm special (*during which flowers are distributed*)

**Thanksgiving**

We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives: for parents, and the love which brought us to birth:

**we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

For mothers, who have cherished and nurtured us:

For fathers, who have loved and supported us,

For brothers and sisters, with whom we have shared our home:

**we praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us into the family of our Father in heaven:

**We praise you, O Lord, and bring you thanks today.**

**Help us to live as those who belong to one another, and to you, our Father, now and always.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** Love divine

**Dismissal and Blessing**

**May God the Father keep us in his care.**

**May the Lord Jesus Christ be our constant friend and the Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do, now and always.**

**Amen.**

**The blessing.....**