COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts:
we lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God:
it is right to give both thanks and praise.

We later say together:
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

Then, later:
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
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have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us your peace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you:
and also with you.
We share a sign of peace with one another.

HYMN 348 – Praise the One who breaks the darkness

CLOSING RESPONSES

On our hearts and our houses:
the blessing of God.
In our coming and going:
the peace of God.
In our life and believing:
the love of God.
At our end and new beginning:
the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.
Amen.

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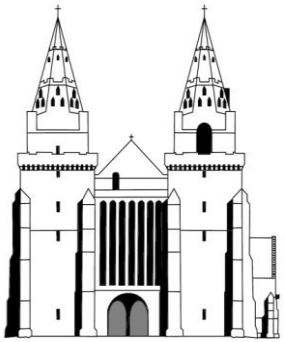

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Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

OPENING RESPONSES

The World belongs to God:
the earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful:
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together:
justice and peace join hands.
If Christ's disciples keep silent:
these stones would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God:
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

HYMN 716 – Come and find the quiet centre

PRAYER

Holy God, Maker of all:
have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:
have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, Breath of life:
have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.

May God forgive you,
Christ renew you
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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Move among us, O God, give us life:
let your people rejoice in you.
Make our hearts clean within us:
renew us in mind and in spirit.
Give us again the joy of your help:
with your Spirit of freedom sustain us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN – In ages past the mighty Lord (please see hymn insert)

READING – Jonah 4

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION

With the whole church
we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit.

With people everywhere
we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation
we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

SPACE FOR HEALING

Together we invoke the Spirit of healing:
Come now, Holy Spirit,
and send us from heaven
the gift that you have promised in Jesus,
that in body, spirit and mind
we may be healed of all that harms us
and find wholeness and life in your name.
Amen.
During this time, music will be played.
You are invited to rest and reflect in your seat or to light a candle.

HYMN 663 – Bread of life, hope of the world

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER

Loving God,
through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread
so that we may know your touch
in all bread, all matter.
We celebrate that Jesus has shared around his community
through the centuries
and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ and one with each other
we offer these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single holy living sacrifice.
Amen

HYMN – In ages past the mighty Lord

In ages past the mighty Lord
By prophets spoke the word
And from their lips God's great design
Throughout the earth was heard.
In revelation, parable,
Bold fantasy and dream,
They echoed God's eternal vow
To ransom and redeem.

Alone I called in my distress
'Good Lord, deliver me,'
And from the dreadful threat of death
God's mercy set me free.
How can I then but offer up
My life for all my days
Or cease to lift my voice to God
In songs of grateful praise?

Yet still in present troubled days
We seek to hear God's voice
And in the face of our distress
Find reason to rejoice.
Grant us the wisdom to discern,
Through faith, who we should be:
A fallen race restored through grace;
A captive world set free.

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