

## Smethwick Old Church



### Service of the Word for Ordinary Time

#### Opening Words

We gather together  
in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together  
to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together  
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

**Come, let us worship!**

*(The United Church of Canada)*

#### Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**and also with you**

#### 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**

## Prayers of Confession

*An Introduction to the prayer of confession is said followed by the words:*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us and restore us,

draw us close and bind us together in your love.

**Amen.**

## We hear God's forgiveness

### Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## The Collect

## The Word of God in Scripture

## **First Reading**

*Ending with the words:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Ending with the words:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*As the Gospel the following words are used:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end of the reading we respond:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

### **Prayers of intercession**

### **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.

## The Peace

*An introduction is given followed by the words:*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*Let us Greet those close, and those who are at a distance from us, with the words*  
'Peace be you;

## Hymn

## Blessing

## Closing

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

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**COLLECT**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a**

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

**PSALM Psalm 100**

**R** *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**GOSPEL**

(Short or long reading)

**Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed

him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

**POST COMMUNION**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

