

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 with you;

Hymn

Blessing

Closing

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

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call
you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought to the glorious liberty of
the children of God;
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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

PSALM

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 [or 89:8-18]

R *Truly the Lord is our shield.*

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim
your faithfulness throughout all
generations.



Tru - ly the Lord is our shield.

I will declare that your love is
established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm
as the heavens. **R**

For you said: "I have made a
covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:
"Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all
generations." **R**

Happy are the people who know the
shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your
countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day
long
and are exalted in your righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their
strength,
and in your favour you lift up our
heads.
Truly the Lord is our shield,
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in
your mortal bodies, to make you obey
their passions. No longer present
your members to sin as instruments of
wickedness, but present yourselves to
God as those who have been brought
from death to life, and present your
members to God as instruments of
righteousness. For sin will have no
dominion over you, since you are not
under law but under grace. What
then? Should we sin because we
are not under law but under grace?
By no means! Do you not know
that if you present yourselves to
anyone as obedient slaves, you are
slaves of the one whom you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death,
or of obedience, which leads to
righteousness? But thanks be to God
that you, having once been slaves of
sin, have become obedient from the

heart to the form of teaching to which
you were entrusted, and that you,
having been set free from sin, have
become slaves of righteousness. I am
speaking in human terms because of
your natural limitations. For just as
you once presented your members as
slaves to impurity and to greater and
greater iniquity, so now present your
members as slaves to righteousness
for sanctification. When you were
slaves of sin, you were free in regard
to righteousness. So what advantage
did you then get from the things of
which you now are ashamed? The
end of those things is death. But now
that you have been freed from sin and
enslaved to God, the advantage you
get is sanctification. The end is eternal
life. For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-end

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

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever
welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes the
one who sent me. Whoever welcomes
a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward;
and whoever welcomes a righteous
person in the name of a righteous
person will receive the reward of the
righteous; and whoever gives even
a cup of cold water to one of these
little ones in the name of a disciple –
truly I tell you, none of these will lose
their reward."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our
imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
show your glory as far as we can
grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than
we can bear
until we may look upon you without
fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.