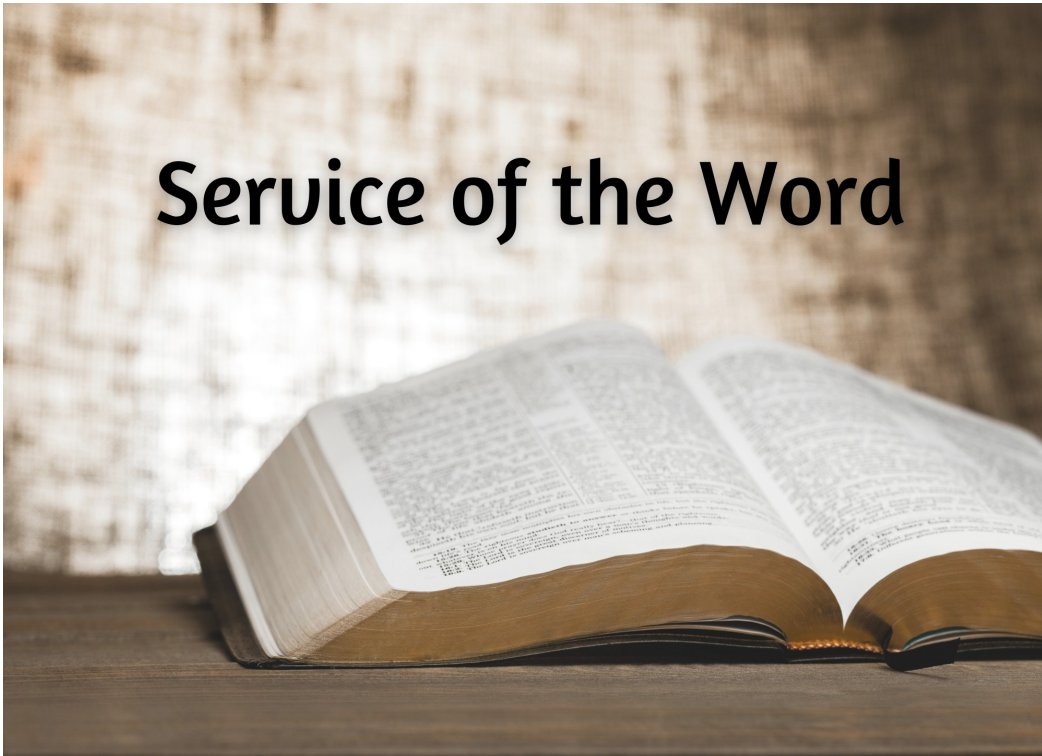


St Martin's Church, Liskeard

Service of the Word



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Notices

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

Silence

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.**

O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Hymn

We have come together in the name of Jesus
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against
you and against your neighbour in thought and word and
deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive
us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness
of life to the glory of your name. Amen
Amen.**

Absolution

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer

Meditation - *led by the Choir*

Reading(s)

Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

- ¹ Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- ² He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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

Or The Song of Christ's Glory

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, ♦
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ♦
and was born in our human likeness.
- 3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, ♦
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- 4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, ♦
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

- ⁵ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ♦
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
- ⁶ And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, ♦
to the glory of God the Father.

**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.**

Talk

Hymn

The Apostles' 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.**

Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Prayer of The Day

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.

Hymn

Blessing

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.