

**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**

A hymn may be sung.

This prayer or another suitable prayer is said:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you,
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing, once more before your door.

*The seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing,
or the following is said:*

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
.....and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen

When a priest is not present the following may be said:

O God, make clear to us each road, make safe to us each step;
when we stumble, hold us: when we fall lift us up.
When we are hard-pressed, deliver us;
and bring us at last to your glory.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and evermore. **Amen**

A minister says:

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

From Easter Day to Pentecost:

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**St Columba's Church, Ennis,
with Kilnasoolagh and Christ
Church, Spanish Point**

A Service of the Word



The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

This or another greeting may be said:

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

A hymn may be sung.

**One thing have I asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life:
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

Who is it that you seek?
We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek him with all your heart?
We seek him with all our heart. Lord have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your soul?
We seek him with all our soul. Lord have mercy.

Do you seek him with all your mind?
We seek him with all our mind. Lord have mercy

Do you seek him with all your strength?
We seek him with all our strength. Christ have mercy.

*A song of praise or metrical forms of canticles may be used,
or a hymn may be sung, or the following may be said:*

Prayers of Penitence

**Christ as a light, illumine and guide me
Christ as a shield, overshadow and hold me.
Christ below me, Christ above me,
Christ beside me, on my left and my right.
This day be within and around me,
lowly and meek, yet all knowing, all-powerful.
Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;
Christ be with me, on my left and my right.**

The Collect of the day or another prayer is said.

Readings from the Bible follow.

A Psalm and/or a scripture song may precede or follow readings.

*A **hymn** may be sung.*

One of the following may be used:

Let us declare our faith in God.
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

or

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

The Collect

Ministry of the Word

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

or

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

*Intercessions and thanksgiving prayers are offered
with this or another suitable response:*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

The prayers are concluded with **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

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.

The Prayers