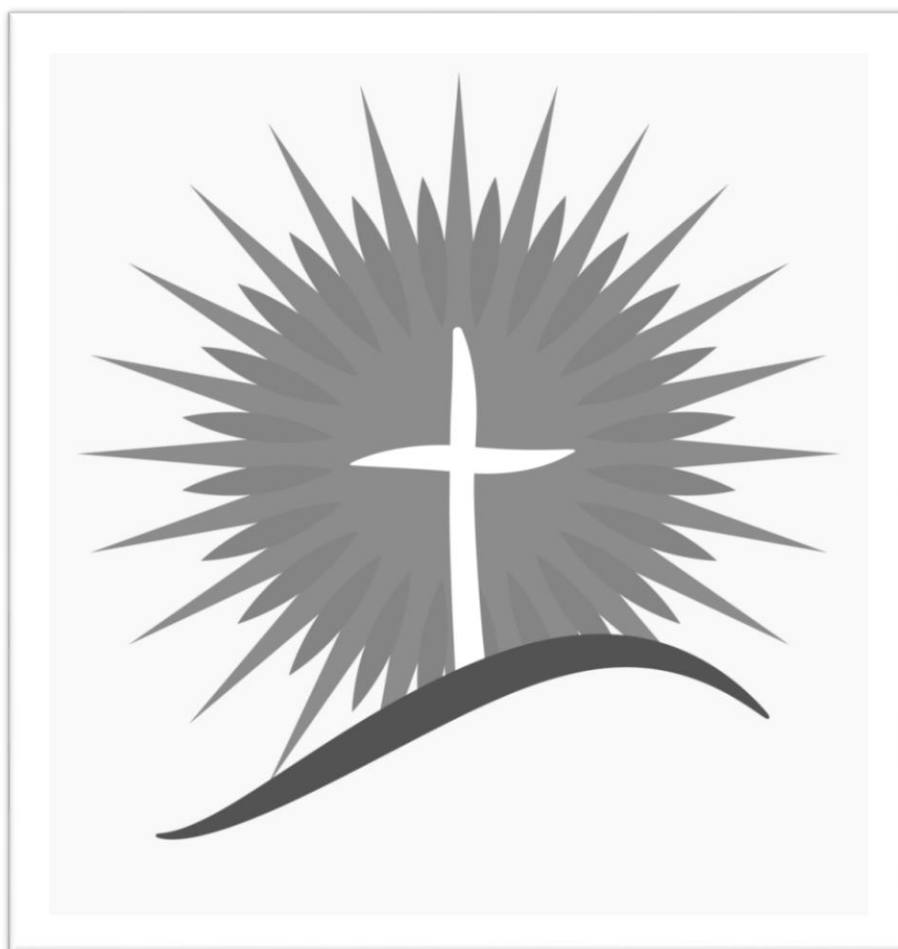


# THE BROOKE BENEFICE



Order of Service  
for

**Morning  
Worship**

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## The Gathering

*As we meet together we prepare ourselves to set aside this time to be consciously with God and remind ourselves of the ways in which we will worship.*

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise his presence with us.

*Silence is kept*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
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.

*At this point a **HYMN** may be sung*

*In a few moments of quiet we remember that we do not always live up to the example of love that Jesus sets for us but that we are promised forgiveness from God when we admit that we do wrong and express our sorrow and our intention to change.*

Jesus said, "before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled."  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **The Word of God**

*In the next section of our service we concentrate on listening to God, especially through the words of the Bible. We begin with a special prayer which collects together the ideas that today's readings help us to think about. Next, we listen to one or two readings from the Bible. Finally our preacher helps us to consider how what we have heard may have relevance to our lives and to the world in which we live.*

THE COLLECT

In the beginning was the Word.  
**And the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.**

## READING(S)

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us;  
**thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*At this point a **HYMN** or **ANTHEM** may be sung.*

## **What we Believe**

*Having taken some time to reflect on all that we have heard and to listen to God's voice in it we now join together to make a public statement of our beliefs. It is traditional for everyone who can to stand for this. We all face the same way to show that we all need to constantly remind ourselves of the basic beliefs of our 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.**

## **The Offertory**

*At this point a **HYMN** may be sung.*

*The gifts of the congregation are brought forward at the end of the hymn. The gifts are used to further God's work here.*

*We say a prayer of offering together.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant,  
**through your love, make us servants of one another.**

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.  
**May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Our service continues with a time of prayer. This is usually led by a member of the congregation and we include prayers for the many situations in which we find ourselves and our world.*

Gathered together,  
let us bring our thanksgivings and concerns to God in prayer.

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ  
promised that you would hear us when we pray in faith;  
we bring our prayers to you:**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour 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.  
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**

*At this point a **HYMN** may be sung.*

## **The Dismissal**

*As we prepare to leave, we receive God's blessing and remind ourselves that we take all that we have experienced in our worship out into the world.*

God give us a vision of his love,  
faith to believe it  
and grace to fulfil it;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us always.  
Amen

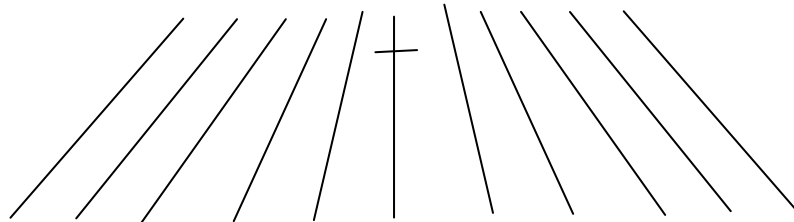
For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship.  
**Amen. We go to serve him.**

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**TOGETHER**  
SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



*"Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the Good News  
to the whole creation"*

*Mark 16:15*