

THE BROOKE BENEFICE



Order of Service
for
**The Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity**

THE GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
and also with you.

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

Silence is kept.

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

HYMN

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; 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.

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

In the presence of the God and Father of us all, we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual unity which is already ours as members of the Body of Christ. Let us acknowledge our sin, that this unity may, by God's grace, become a visible unity, so that his Church in every place may demonstrate the healing power of the gospel, and be an instrument of his peace in the life of the world.

There is one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

There is one God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed. We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love. We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices. Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

HYMN

The Gospel Reading

The Sermon

There will be a pause for reflection after the sermon

Declaration of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and 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

HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

As our Saviour 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**

The Peace

Christ is our hope; we give him glory for the great grace by which upon the cross he stretched out his hands in love to us all. By that same grace may he come, our risen Saviour, into every gesture of unity and fellowship which we make toward one another, and make the peace we share his peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer Christ's peace to one another by smiling and waving

HYMN

THE DISMISSAL

Christ has offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins.

He is seated at the right hand of God.

Through him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God:

the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Do not forget to do good and share what you have.

Such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Though many, we form one body in Christ.

We belong to one another.

By God's grace we have different gifts.

We will use them in faith.

Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in prayer.

Filled with his Spirit we will serve the Lord.

Eternal God and Father, whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one, as he is one with you: draw us closer to him, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;

Amen

The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever more.

Amen

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

*You are invited to stay for refreshments in
the Church Room after the service.*