

# Woven Sunday: Celebrating God's Story, Your Story & Every Story



Order of Service

*(Order of Service to be used by congregations as a unified act of Worship throughout the District and may be adapted to fit in with local arrangements and contexts.)*



## WELCOME



## CALL TO WORSHIP

O come one and all, give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; and his mercy endures forever.

**This is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**



## OPENING HYMN:

The Church is one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord (STF 690)



## PRAYERS:

*Adoration, praise, and confession*

Let us pray.

Glory to the Father, the God of love, who created us;

**God who continually preserves and sustains us;**

Glory to God who has loved us with an everlasting love,  
**and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the gift of Jesus Christ.**

Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who, though he was rich,

**yet for our sake became poor,  
and was tested in every way as we are,  
yet is without sin;**

who proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,

and was obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross;

who was raised from the dead and is alive for ever,

and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in him;

**Christ is seated at God's right hand in glory,  
and will come to be our judge.**

Glory to the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

**by whom we are born into the family of God,**

**and made members of the body of Christ;**

whose witness confirms us;  
whose wisdom teaches us;  
whose power enables us;  
who will do for us more than we can ask or think.

**To you our God, we lift up our hearts  
and we worship you;  
praise, glory and honour, be to you,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **CONFESSION:**

Gracious God, you are steadfast in your love and infinite in your mercy;  
you welcome sinners and invite them to be your guests.  
We confess our sins, trusting in you to forgive us.

#### **Silence:**

For the sin of omission and choosing to look the other way,

**Lord Forgive and heal us**

For the sin of commission and doing things we should have avoided,

**Lord Forgive and heal us**

#### **Silence:**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and keep us in life eternal. **Amen**

**HYMN:** What shall our greeting be! Sign of our unity; Jesus is Lord! (STF 691)

### **An Act of Woven:**

Each person will need a coloured A5 triangular piece of paper which they can paste in a predetermined spot around the walls or floor of the worship space. They can write one thing they're thankful for and/or a prayer request. Once all triangles are positioned, the leader may want to reflect on how the kaleidoscope of colour looks and how it makes for beautiful story[ies] and symbolic of each person being visible and heard. Invite everyone to share in the following affirmation:

O God our Creator, Weaver of all that we are and are yet to become; we are in awe of your unfailing and inclusive love. In you Lord we are fearfully and wonderfully made; you knitted us from your image and gave us life that has made us all equal at the foot of the cross.

Help us Lord to remain confident in weaving our stories together and equip us with the brevity to take your gospel story into the world; for you have given us your spirit of love, power and sound minds.







**HYMN:** Brother sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you (STF 611)



*SHARING IN THE WORD OF GOD*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 91: 1 – 6 (or 9 – 16) & Matthew 25: 31 – 46



**SERMON:** “Being Faithful Disciples”



**MUSIC:** Any piece of reflective music may be used here, **the District Woven video** or a hymn e.g. *Would you come and follow me or As a deer pants for the water.*



### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the Church of God through-out the world, for...

Let us pray for those who have power and influence and for all who govern the nations, for...

Let us pray for the powerless, for all victims of famine and war, and for all who strive for justice and peace, for...

Let us pray for the afflicted and sorrowful and for all who need our prayers, for...

Let us remember before God those who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, giving thanks for...

Eternal God, through the self-offering of your Son you have filled our lives with your presence. Weave your grace into our sufferings and trials and strengthen us in our weakness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Christ is our peace.

He has called us to peace as ministers of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessèd are you, loving God,  
creator and sustainer of all.

You call into being all that is,  
giving life and breath to all that lives.

In your enduring purpose  
you raise up a people to serve you,  
to witness to your glory,  
and to reveal your presence in the world.

**Glory to God in the highest.**



Age to age tells of your faithfulness,  
and of your redeeming mercy.  
You free your people from captivity and sin,  
guiding and leading them to their promised home.

In the fullness of time you revealed  
what no eye had seen, nor ear heard,  
nor human heart conceived:  
we see and hear and know you  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Sharing our human nature,  
he freely offered his life upon the cross  
for the salvation of all.  
By death he broke death's power  
and, risen from the tomb,  
he restores all things to new life,  
that all may live in him.

### **Glory to God in the highest.**

Through him you send your Spirit of grace and power,  
calling us to serve you in faith and hope and love,  
that from every heart and every tongue may rise  
songs of ceaseless praise.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
strengthened by your grace,  
that may we come with all your servants  
to that feast prepared for all people  
and join in your unending praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Amen.**

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**GOING OUT HYMN:** You shall go out with joy and be led forth (STF 487)  
OR Hear the call of the kingdom (STF 407)

### **BLESSING**

The almighty God bless you  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**





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