

## A Service in the Middle of the Week



### *Opening sentences*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

### *Opening Prayer*

Awaken us, Lord  
To your light,  
Open our eyes  
To your presence.

Awaken us, Lord  
To your love,  
Open our hearts  
To your indwelling.

Awaken us, Lord  
To your life,  
Open our minds  
To your abiding.

Awaken us, Lord  
To your purpose,  
Open our wills  
To your guiding.

*A moment of quiet reflection before our confession.*

*Confession:*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

*Absolution:*

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *Collect*

### *Bible Reading and talk*

## *Creed*

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 him.**

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 him.**

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 him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## *Prayers*

*We pray for those in need at this time*

*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.  
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.**

*Silence is kept*

**Father, today, fill me with the fruit of the Spirit. Help me to live by the Spirit. Guided by you, enable me to show to all those around me, and each person I meet, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, through your Spirit. Amen**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**