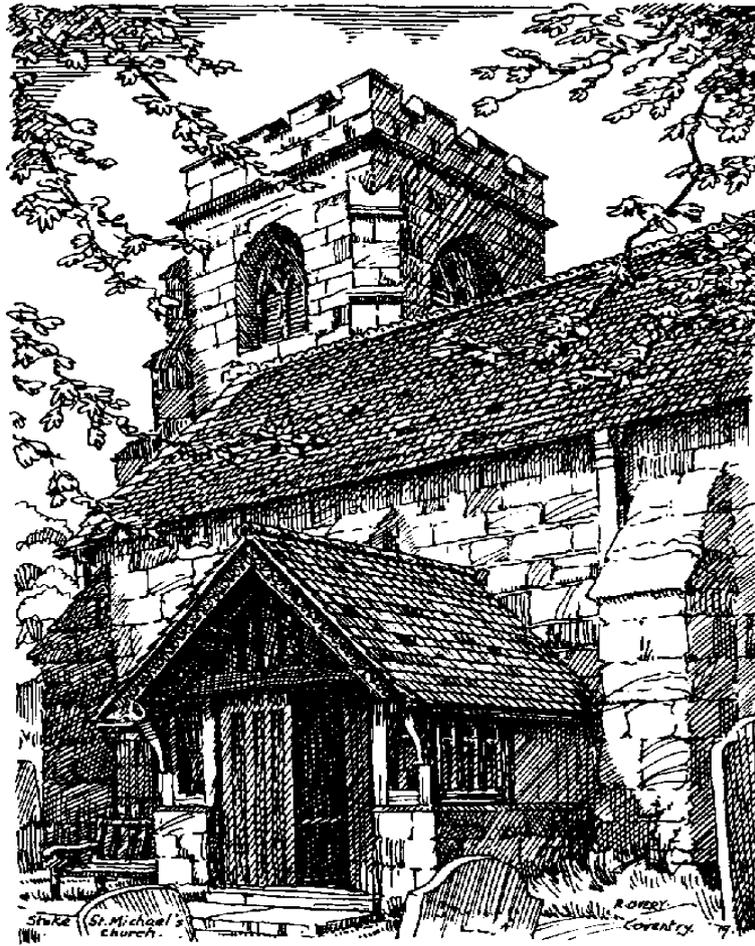


ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH STOKE



An Order of Service for Morning Prayer

Preparation

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

And also with you.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
Confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,

We have sinned against you;

We have done wrong in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoings and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

May the Father of all mercies
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer all.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in all you have made;
As we awake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
That the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed away, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you,
now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Gospel Reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Benedictus (The song of Zechariah)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us
from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate us.

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

And you child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God.
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,
and to guide our feet into the ways of peace.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever.**

Amen.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

**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 Collect

Amen.

The Prayers

This response may be used.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end the person leading the prayers will say

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Conclusion

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore.**

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

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