

Brief service of the word

This service has been prepared for the handbook of pastoral rites and resources.

NOTES

- 1 This service may be led by a pastor or an authorised layperson. The term 'minister' in the rite is meant to cover both cases.
- 2 It is intended to be used in a variety of situations, such as nursing homes, homes for the aged, and other institutions; it may also be used in certain situations in the congregation.
- 3 It may be adapted according to circumstances.
- 4 If it is not feasible for the people to make the responses, they may be said by the minister or omitted.
- 5 Further hymns may be added.

OUTLINE OF THE ORDER

| Hymn
In the name
| Psalm
Old Testament reading
New Testament reading
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Lord's Prayer
Prayers
Blessing

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HYMN

IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM

After the psalm:

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A pause for reflection may be observed.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence 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**

**or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

ADDRESS

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Let us pray.

The collect of the day and other prayers are said.

The following may be said after each prayer.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (†), be with you/us all.

Amen.