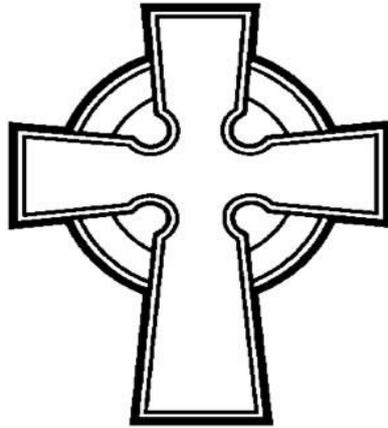


Morning Prayer

during Covid-19



The Downs Benefice

*Please respect social distancing measures whilst you are in church.
A 2-metre gap should be observed between individual household
'bubbles' at all times.*

Welcome

The Greeting and Preparation

Leader: Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Opening Prayer:

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

The Prayer of Confession

All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.

The Absolution

Leader: May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for Sunday

Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm *read by a member of the congregation*

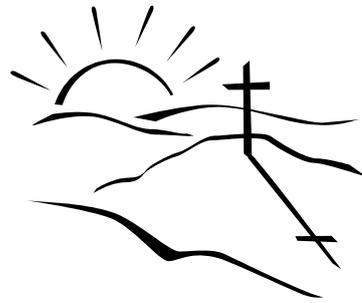
Reading *by a member of the congregation*

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk

Reflective Music



The Affirmation Of Faith

All: **We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by His will they were created
and have their being.
We believe in God the Son,
who rose from the dead;
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.**

Prayers

The prayers may end:

Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 Blessing

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ, Amen

***We kindly ask you to take your service sheets home.
Please respect social distancing measures as you leave church.
Sadly, we are not able to gather for refreshments after the service.***