

*The night has passed,  
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,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## **A service of Morning Worship from St Matthias Church, Torquay**

### ***The Welcome***

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

This morning we meet,  
physically apart and yet spiritually together,  
in the name of Christ;  
to offer to him 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 through the days to follow  
to the service of God.



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

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

**SONG**      **Only by grace...**

## ***We make a new start with God***

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

In sorrow we confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

## ***We hear God's Word***

**John 17: 1-26**

**Acts 1: 1-11**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ***The Sermon***

**SONG**      **Before the throne of God above...**

### ***We affirm our faith***

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

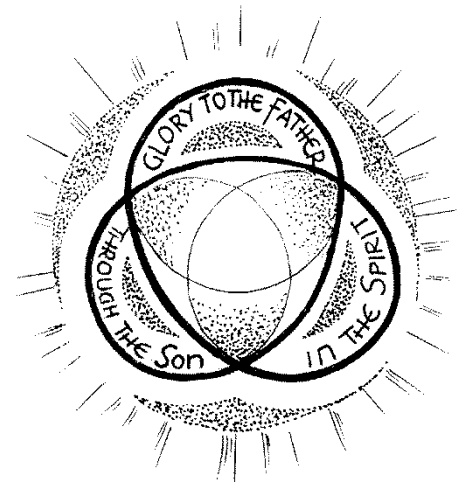
### ***We pray for others and ourselves***

Lord, in your infinite mercy  
**hear our heartfelt prayers.**

*And at the end*

Loving Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our friend and mediator Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**



**SONG** Lord, we lift your name on high...

***Blessed by God, we go into the world***

May God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

May God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be with you this day and for evermore.  
**Amen**

