

Welcome & Opening responses

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

For the gift of this day: **we praise and thank you!**

For the gift of your love: **we praise and thank you!**

For the gift of our church: **we praise and thank you!**

A prayer of St Benedict:

O gracious and holy Father,
today give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song: He is exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name.

He is the Lord,

Forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high! repeat song

Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit purifies our hearts, and guides us into truth,
reminding us of all that Jesus said and did.

Let us confess the ways in which we have not lived as his followers.

Silence is kept

Lord, you awaken our coldness to the fire of your love.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you speak to us about our sins with a gentle voice.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you bring us to the water to revive us.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*May the Father of all mercies forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Special Prayer for this Sunday, based on Acts 4

Sovereign Lord, you made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouths of your faithful servants. Enable your servants today, we pray, to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal, and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus, for his is the Name above all names. **Amen.**

Video: *'The journey of the early church in 3 ½ minutes'*

Bible Reading: Acts 4:1-14,18-20 *'No other name for our salvation'*

Song: Jesus, name above all names

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

repeat song

Reflection

Response: What a beautiful name

1. You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is:

The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this;

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

2. You didn't want heaven without us,

So Jesus, You brought heaven down.

My sin was great, Your love was greater: what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is:

The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this;

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,

You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal,

Now and forever, God You reign.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,

Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is:

The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against;

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a beautiful name it is...

Prayers

Response: *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 & for ever. Amen.

Song: No other name

*No other name but the Name of Jesus,
No other name but the Name of the Lord,
No other name but the Name of Jesus
Is worthy of glory, and worthy of honour,
And worthy of power and all praise. repeat chorus*

His name is exalted far above the earth,
His name is high above the heavens.
His name is exalted far above the earth:
Give glory and honour and praise unto His Name.

Repeat chorus

Blessing and Dismissal

May God grant us grace to live for no other Name this week...
....and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.

Amen. Thanks be to God!