**A Short Service**

**for Holy Communion**

Opening Sentences: (*Psalm 145*)

L: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

***ALL: Every day I will bless you,***

***and praise your name***

***for ever and ever.***

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

***ALL: his greatness is unsearchable.***

L: One generation shall laud your works to another,

***ALL: and shall declare your mighty acts.***

L: On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

***ALL: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.***

L: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,

***ALL: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.***

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

***ALL: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.***

L: The Lord is good to all,

***ALL: and his compassion is over all that he has made.***

A Hymn or Chant may be sung

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession

The Lord’s Prayer

**Readings from Scripture**

A Sermon or Reflections may be offered

Prayers for the World, the Church & Ourselves

A Hymn or Chant may be sung

**Holy Communion**

L: We gather again at this table,

***ALL: prepared in love, opened to all,***

 ***to bless and to restore.***

L: This is the table of the Lord,

***ALL: the feast of the friends of Jesus,***

 ***a festival for the children of God.***

L: We come as we are,

***ALL: with our hope and our fear,***

 ***with our strength and our weakness,***

 ***in our longing and for our comforting.***

L: We come remembering the invitation,

***ALL: spoken long ago, that beckons us,***

***that beckoned generations before us,***

 ***that will beckon generations***

 ***after we are gone.***

L: We remember the Apostle Paul:

***ALL: who himself recalled that our Lord,***

 ***on the night he was betrayed,***

 ***took bread, gave thanks, broke it:***

 ***“This is my body, broken for you.”***

L: In the same way, after supper,

***ALL: he took the cup, gave thanks, shared it:***

 ***“This cup is the new covenant***

 ***in my blood, shed for you. Drink of it,”***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: that God has given life to all creation, forming and fashioning,***

 ***shaping and shielding,***

 ***protecting and providing.***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: That God loved the world so much***

 ***that our waywardness***

 ***could not keep God away.***

 ***So, in God’s good time,***

 ***Abram became Abraham***

 ***and Sarai became Sarah.***

 ***Their children became a nation***

 ***covenanted to be the people of God,***

 ***a light to all people.***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: That God chose to become small***

***In order to come amongst us***

***as Saviour.***

 ***When the time was right,***

 ***Mary had a son.***

L: Jesus has come to save us;

***ALL: the Son of God to be our light,***

 ***Emmanuel,***

***to be our great Redeemer.***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: that Jesus grew to teach***

 ***and to befriend,***

 ***to work miracles and love sinners,***

 ***to call disciples and renew creation.***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: that he gave his life upon the cross,***

 ***that he defeated the powers of sin***

 ***and death by rising on the third day.***

L: As often as we do this we remember:

***ALL: that we are given the Holy Spirit,***

 ***our teacher and companion.***

L: Send, now, this same Spirit, we pray,

upon each of us,

upon these gifts;

that they may become to us the body and blood of our risen and ascended Saviour.

***ALL: Make us one with all your people***

 ***in heaven and on earth.***

 ***And, as we share, to you be the glory,***

 ***for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Sharing of the Peace and the Bread and Wine

Prayers afterwards

A Hymn or Chant may be sung

Sending Prayer and Blessing