**Call to worship**

**Hymn:** Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,

of His flesh the mystery sing;

of the Blood, all price exceeding,

shed by our immortal King,

destined, for the world's redemption,

from a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin

born for us on earth below,

He, as Man, with man conversing,

stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;

then He closed in solemn order

wondrously His life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper,

seated with His chosen band,

He the Pascal victim eating,

first fulfills the Law's command;

then as Food to His Apostles

gives Himself with His own hand.

Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature

by His word to Flesh He turns;

wine into His Blood He changes;

what though sense no change discerns?

Only be the heart in earnest,

faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling,

This great Sacrament we hail,

Over ancient forms of worship

Newer rites of grace prevail;

Faith will tell us Christ is present,

When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,

And the Son who made us free

And the Spirit, God proceeding

From them Each eternally,

Be salvation, honor, blessing,

Might and endless majesty.

Amen. Alleluia. (words: James Quinn. Tune: Pange Lingua)

**Welcome and greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Prayer of adoration**

Lord God, we offer our words of adoration, stumbling as they may be.

You are a God of power:

the whole universe is alive with your energy;

of its potential, immensity and complexity we know only a little,

but it points us to you as its creator and sustainer.

Lord God, we offer our words of adoration to you for you are also a God of love -

your power has a purpose,

and we see evidence of that in the beauty of creation,

and in the human potential for understanding and creativity.

Above all, your love and your power are focused

in the life and death and rising again of Jesus of Nazareth.

With joy we celebrate his resurrection, by which you have shown yourself to be a God of power, stronger than all the powers of darkness and sin, keeping us safe in your care;

but you have shown yourself also to be a God of love,

love that was not quenched by the hatred and bitterness of the Cross; and because of this

we believe that you will go on loving us until the end of time.

Lord God, we adore you – the God of power and the God of love;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

— Church of Scotland

**Prayer of confession**

In this season of transition  
as the leaves begin their subtle change of colour   
and our hearts cling to the warmth as the days shorten,  
once again we are reminded,   
that new possibilities can rise from our failures  
or disappointments  
or what has come to an end.

We give thanks for all the influences in our lives  
that have helped us to see beyond the present:  
that teach us to combine labour and rest,  
that bring us the cycles of time and season,  
that sustain us when we are in need.

Because you dwell with us, Eternal God, you know who we are. You know our need, and we offer our own prayers in this time of silence. *A silence is kept*.

**Kyrie**

**Words of assurance**

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, O God, so refresh our spirits and our lives. We are confident that your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways, and that your Word, Jesus Christ, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Gloria**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Prayer for illumination**

Gracious God, you have created us and called us to be your people.  We seek your word of guidance and blessing. Grant unto us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love.  In the name of Christ. **Amen**.

**First reading: Acts 16: 9-15**

**Psalm 67**

**Second reading Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5**

**Gospel reading John 14: 23-29**

**Hymn CP 183**

**Sermon**

**Hymn CP 279**

**Prayer of dedication**

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love.  
With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others.  
With the compassion given by the Spirit, we seek to encourage others.   
Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring,  
that they may become a blessing in your sight. Amen.

**Prayers for others**

Ever living and ever loving God,

We praise you for your loving presence with us.

We pray for transformation in our world —

that broken people find healing;

that lonely people find love;

that bitter people find peace;

that fearful people find hope.

Response: God, in your loving kindness, **hear our prayer**

We pray for renewal for our world, and wisdom for our world’s leaders and governments -

that communication can be open;

that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;

that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

We especially pray for Malaysia where the General Election is taking place today. We pray for a free, fair and safe election, and for the leaders who will take the country forward that they will seek the common good, justice and peace for all people.

Response: God, in your loving kindness, **hear our prayer**

We pray for our church -

that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;

that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours;

that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world, and particularly for the mission and ministry of this church in the heart of the city.

Response: God, in your loving kindness, **hear our prayer**

Loving God, fill our lives with your presence—

so that more and more every day,

all that we do and say and hope

will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,

to the glory of your name.  **Amen.**

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**The invitation**

Our tradition says at the Last Supper Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited the disciples to share his journey.

Here today, through bread and wine,  
we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples.  
Here today, through bread and wine,  
we renew our unity with one another,  
and with all those who have gone before us in this place.  
Here today, through bread and wine,  
we renew our communion with the earth  
and our inter-wovenness with the broken ones of the world.

**The institution**

We are reminded again of the tradition that surrounds this story.

Long ago, on the night of his arrest,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it:  
'This bread is broken, as my body will be'.

And he handed it to his friends, and invited them to eat:  
'Remember all that I have been to you'.

Long ago, on that same night,  
Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends:  
'This wine is poured out, as my life will be.  
Remember me and give thanks for all I have given'.

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

I**t is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise to God….

With a vision of goodness and beauty, God replaced the shadows of chaos with the light of God’s glory; God gave voice to all living creatures to sing with joy; God gave us the water of life to quench our thirsting souls. Shaping a garden to be our home, God pleaded with us  
to live in peace and grace. But our ancestors wanted to walk their own paths, finding only false promises and the empty hope of the world.  
God urged the prophets to try to open our hearts, but our ancestors were not eager to listen. That is when you blessed us, God our God, sending Jesus to teach us all that had been forgotten.

So, we lift our voices, filled with joy, joining them with the glad songs of every place and generation, all creation praising your name:

**Sanctus and benedictus**

**The breaking of the bread**

The bread, broken, that we might find wholeness

The cup, God’s love poured out for the sake of the world.

**The prayer of consecration**Send your Holy Spirit to grace this bread and this cup, that they may become the life of Christ within us, and bless our lives with God’s gentle healing. As we take this bread and drink from this cup, may we be sustained to go forth to share words of hope and acts of compassion in the world. **Amen**.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Agnus Dei**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Communion Motet**

**Prayer after communion**

May the bread and the wine and the remembering be a blessing on us all, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

**Hymn** CP 156

**Benediction**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Coming here has not changed our situations, but strength, hope, grace and love have been poured into us for the journeys we return to. Holy is this time, holy is this meal, holy is this sacred space we have set apart, and holy is the life we are returned to, to be broken and poured out for others.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples - to follow him and learn from him.

Serve the Lord with gladness, in faith, hope and love ...

May the hand of the Spirit bless you

and all peoples, and keep us well.

May the face of the Spirit shine upon you

and all peoples, and love us well.

May the counsel of the Spirit guide you

and all peoples, and bring us to everlasting peace,

for our world today and always. Amen.

*(adapted from "Litanies and Other Prayers for the RCL", Year C, p. 101.)*

Postlude