

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF  
DARTMOUTH AND DITTISHAM

# ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH DITTISHAM

## VILLAGE WORSHIP



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# Welcome to St George's Church

## **About this service**

In this service of Village Worship, we join our prayers, praise and worship with Christians throughout the world. From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world. By the fourth century, if not earlier, morning and evening had emerged as the pre-eminent hours for the offering of this sacrifice of praise. They have remained so ever since, especially on Sundays when the Church commemorates both the first day of creation and the day of Christ's resurrection.

In this service, we ask God to forgive our sins, and as we listen and reflect on his Holy Word in the readings we pray for the Church, the World and all who are in need or on our hearts this day.

People of all ages are very welcome at this and any of our services. There is a children's corner at St George's with lots of things for younger members of the congregation to do. Please feel free to move around with them during the service if they indicate that they need a change of scene.

The church is fitted with an induction loop for the hard of hearing.

The toilet is located under the tower, the last door on the left hand side; the light switch is outside the door.

*Please stand for the Opening Hymn*

## **HYMN**

### THE GATHERING

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

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Christ is our peace, he has reconciled us  
to God in one body by the cross. We  
meet in his name and share his peace.  
So as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us  
offer each other a sign of his peace

*Please exchange the sign of peace with those  
around you.*

*The leader introduces the theme of the worship.*

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.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn  
away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from  
you by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us**

For living as is we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All Amen**

#### OPENING PRAYER

*The leader introduces the prayer with the words:*

Let us pray

*after the prayer we respond*

**All Amen**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### First Reading

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

##### Responsorial Psalm

*The response to the psalm verse is printed on  
the weekly notice sheet*

##### Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

#### HYMN

#### THE GOSPEL

*The leader introduces the Gospel with these words:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to N

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel the leader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

#### SHORT REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

*The leader leads a short reflection on the readings  
or on the theme of the Sunday*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The leader introduces the affirmation of faith with these words:*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven, was incarnate  
from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to  
come.  
Amen.**

## HYMN

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for:*

*The Church*

*The World*

*The Local Community*

*The Sick and those in need*

*The Departed*

*After each prayer the following response is used:*

Lord in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**

### THE LORDS PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## HYMN

*During this hymn, the collection will be taken*

### THE DISMISSAL

*The leader says*

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains  
of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen**

May the Lord bless us,  
and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning, we hope you will stay for a refreshing cup of coffee, tea, soft drink and biscuits

### PRIVATE PRAYERS

*Please use the time before and after the service begins and finishes for careful devotional preparation. The following prayers may be helpful.*

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia!  
And dwelt among us, alleluia, alleluia!

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross  
and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save  
us and help us, we humbly beseech thee,  
O Lord.

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met You in the garden  
on the morning of your resurrection,  
so may we meet you today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her;  
reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us out to share the good news  
with others.



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