**Service for 13th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**All: And also with you.**

Min: This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

Opening Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word

I ever with thee and Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father and I Thy true son

Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight

Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight

Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tower

Raise Thou me heavenward O Power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise

Thou mine inheritance now and always

Thou and Thou only First in my heart

High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won

May I reach heaven’s joy, O bright Heaven’s Sun

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.

Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

Min: 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.

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**All: Almighty God, long suffering and of great goodness.**

**I confess to you. I confess with my whole heart**

**My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,**

**My wrong doing, thinking and speaking;**

**The hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.**

**O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;**

**And raise me up to newness of life;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Min: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins

To all those who with heartfelt repentance

and true faith turn to him;

have mercy on you,

Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;

and bring you to eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Min: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

Min: 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.**

*Jubilate*

**All: O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;**

**Serve the Lord with gladness**

**And come before his presence with a song.**

**Know that the Lord is God**

**It is he that has made us and we are his;**

**We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;**

**Give thanks to him and bless his name.**

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,**

**And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Bible Reading* 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Chorus

King of kings, majesty,

God of heaven, living in me

Gentle Saviour, closest friend

Strong deliverer, beginning and end

All within me falls at Your throne

*Your majesty, I can but bow*

*I lay my all before You now*

*In royal robes I don’t deserve*

*I live to serve Your majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you

Love eternal, faithful and true

Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,

Brought this sinner near to Your throne;

All within me cries out in praise.

*Chorus*

The Apostle’s Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray.

## Prayers

As we bow before our heavenly Father, we base our prayers on the words of the chorus ‘Is he worthy?’ by Chris Tomlin.

Do you feel the world is broken? **WE DO**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **WE DO**

But do you know that all the dark

won’t stop the light from getting through? **WE DO**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **WE DO**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the world

For the lives that are broken,

For the sin that robs us of our joy

And fills our hearts with darkness.

Send forth the light of your truth,

Shine in our hearts and lives,

Make us new, make us whole.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Is all creation groaning? **IT IS**

Is a new creation coming? **IT IS**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **IT IS**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **IT IS**

Almighty God, we pray for creation

For the oceans, forests, mountains and deserts,

For the creatures that inhabit them

Facing the effects of climate change, pollution and exploitation.

We pray for a new heaven and a new earth,

Where humanity and creation can live in harmony

Under the blessing of God.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Does the Father truly love us? **HE DOES**

Does the Spirit move among us? **HE DOES**

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **HE DOES**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **HE DOES**

Lord of all, we pray for your people

Known and loved by you,

Chosen, called, justified and glorified.

Make us in the image of Christ,

Fill us with your Spirit of love

Hold close to your heart, those for whom we pray

Who love you and who need you,

Who are lost and who are sad.

Dwell amongst us in your glory

and build your Holy City in our midst.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **HE IS**

Lord Jesus, Saviour and King

You have conquered death

and opened the door to eternal life.

You are worthy to break the seal of history

And bring forth the new creation.

Redeem us and restore us,

Justify us and glorify your church

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness

That you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself

Help us to proclaim the good news of your love

That all who hear it may be drawn to you

Through him who was lifted up on the cross

And reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

One God now and forever. **Amen.**

Min: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**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**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Sermon*

## Closing Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died

My richest gain I count but loss

And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast

Save in the death of Christ my God

All the vain things that charm me most

I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head his hands his feet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down

Did e’er such love and sorrow meet

Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were an offering far too small

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul my life my all

## Blessing

Min: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all, this day and for ever more. **Amen.**