



holy trinity northwood
Registered Charity No. 1131724

Sunday 14th February 2010
Next Sunday before Lent
A Service for St Valentine's Day

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you
and also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

Welcome

Hymn No 442

God is love

Confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord forgive us our sin,
Unite us in the love which took Christ to the Cross,
And bring us in the Spirit to his wedding feast in heaven.
Amen

Old Testament Reading: Tobit 8:4-8

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 507

Lord of all hopefulness

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Renewal of Vows

The minister says to the couples.

I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your weddings.

Husbands and wives face each other and hold hands.

The husbands say

I, N , took you, N , to be my wife;

The wives say:

I, N , took you, N , to be my husband;

The couples say together:

to have and to hold from that day forward,

for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,

in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,

till death us do part, according to God's holy law,

and this was our solemn vow.

Today, in the presence of family, friends and our Church community,

we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

The minister says to the congregation:

Will you all uphold each other and

continue to support one another in your marriages

now and in the years to come?

We will.

The couples kneel together.

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Holy Spirit,

bles, preserve and keep you;

the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace

that you may please him both in body and soul,

and, living together in faith and love,

may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

You give joy to husband and wife.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You have brought new life to mankind.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

You bring us together in love.

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.

The Collect

God of wonder and of joy:

grace comes from you,

and you alone are the source of life and love.

Without you, we cannot please you;

without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit,

and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

that we may worship you now

with thankful hearts

and serve you always with willing minds;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: 516 divine

Love

The Collection will be taken during this hymn

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We pray for the family of the Church,

for loving relationships,

and for the life of families around us.

Jesus, Lord of love,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee,

be with families today who are poor

and live in hunger and want ...

Jesus, Lord of love,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you blessed marriage in the wedding at Cana,

be with those preparing for marriage

and with those who come to the end of

their resources ...

Jesus, Lord of love,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you healed the sick and tended the weak,
bring healing to those in our families who are ill today ...
Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary and John to
care for one another.
Provide today for those who lose their families:
the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows ...
Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus Christ, risen Lord and Saviour of us all
bring the whole Church on earth and in heaven
into your risen presence to eat at the eternal banquet.
Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers and be with us always.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray in the words you gave us.

**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**

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
and also with you.

Hymn 530:

Now thank we all our God

Concluding Prayers

Eternal God, we offer our thanks that through our earthly lives
you speak of your eternal life.
We rejoice in the wonder of creation,
the gift of human life
and the many blessings that our relationships bring.
Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit;
that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The couples may pray together

**Heavenly Father,
we offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow together
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

God, the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional: Wedding March