A SERVICE OF MORNING or EVENING PRAYER FOR WEEKEND USE

FORM 2

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ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON
1. **GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME** (stand)

Opening hymn

The Lord be with you:
   *And also with you.*
Come, let us sing to the Lord,
   *Shout to the rock of our salvation.*
Serve the Lord with gladness,
   *Come before his face with songs of joy.*

Sentence of scripture.

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and take our part in the building up of his church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God’s holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

2. **THE CONFESSION** (kneel)

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God’s boundless goodness and mercy.

If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1John 1:8-9*)

(a time of silence)

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,
6. THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

Take us and use us
to love and serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit,
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
God is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final hymn

God of all mercy,
We humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
And have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us. Have mercy on us,
Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth the fruit of your Spirit
That we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Words of consolation and assurance:
In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins. (1John 4:10)

3. THE MINISTRY OF GOD’S WORD

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Bible reading.
For the word of the Lord : thanks be to God.

Psalm.

Second Bible reading.
For the word of the Lord : thanks be to God.

Hymn.

Gospel reading.
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to .......
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
This is the Gospel of the Lord :
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The sermon.
The Apostle’s creed:
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.

5. THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER (kneel or sit)
Be exalted, O Lord, among the heavens,
Let your glory cover the earth.
Let your way be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and your truth,
That we may tell of your saving works.
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.
Hear our prayers, O Lord,
For we put our trust in you.
The prayer for the day.
The intercessions.
Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:
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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Lord, you have given us the grace to agree in these our prayers, and you
have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will
grant their requests. Fulfill now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be
best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to
come, life eternal. Amen.

4. THE GREETING OF PEACE & OFFERING (stand)
We are the Body of Christ:
   His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you:
   And also with you
Sharing of the peace.
Hymn & offertory collection.
Offering prayer:
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.