

## Sunday 1 May 2022

### Call to Worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

### Hymn

#### **O WORSHIP THE KING,**

All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and His love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour  
And girded with praise.

O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path  
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power  
Hath founded of old;

Hath 'stablished it fast,  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
Nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend

### **Saying Sorry to God**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:

come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others

and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty

and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,

but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,

nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us

a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive *us our* sins,

open *our* eyes to God's truth,

strengthen *us* to do God's will

and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Song**

## **WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM,**

Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

## **Bible Readings**

**Acts 9 : 1-6**

## **John 21 : 1-19**

### **Talk**

#### **What we believe**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

#### **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

#### **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

#### **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

#### **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### **Song**

**BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS,  
Hope for despair,  
Lord, in Your suffering world  
This is our prayer:  
Bread for the children,  
Justice, joy, peace;  
Sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives,  
Cures for their ills,  
Work for the craftsman,  
Trade for their skills;  
Land for the dispossessed,  
Rights for the weak,  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak.**

**God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.**

**Refuge from cruel wars,  
Havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctuary,  
Freedoms to share;  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
Scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
His cross for the pain.**

**Rest for the ravaged earth,  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned—  
Our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,**

**Carelessness, greed;  
Make us content with  
The things that we need.**

**Lighten our darkness,  
Breathe on this flame  
Until Your justice  
Burns brightly again;  
Until the nations  
Learn of Your ways,  
Seek Your salvation  
And bring You their praise.**

## **Prayers**

The Collect  
Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**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 and the evil one.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Final Hymn**

**GO FORTH AND TELL!** O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take:  
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,  
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
He will in grace respond to all who call:  
How shall they call if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation of His word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies,  
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies;  
Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
A love like Yours, compassionate and kind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
Share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;  
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
Go till all nations His great name adore  
And serve Him, Lord and King forever more.

## **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to ~~you~~ us who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give ~~you~~ us joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower ~~you~~ us and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

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