

## Morning Worship, Sunday 20th March 2022

### Welcome



Come, Spirit of the Living God;  
**And make yourself our welcome guest.**

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.**

*Hymn: Lord thy word abideth (318)*

### Confession and Absolution

Christ comes to dispel the darkness of our hearts and to help us, in his light, find the path to new beginnings.  
So let us bring to mind all that hinders our relationship with him and causes us to stumble..

Let us pray.

In a dark and disfigured world  
We have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
We have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and love hungry world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

May Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to the light of God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he  
suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9

#### Sermon

A short time of reflection

*Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say (231)*

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

The Intercessions

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.**

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

Closing prayer and Blessing

Jesus, lord of time,  
**hold us in your eternity.**  
Jesus, image of God,  
**travel with us through the life of faith.**  
Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**heal the brokenness of our world.**  
Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
**draw us into your future. Amen.**

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name; above all names.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and all those you love, through every twist, turn and new adventure of life... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Hymn: All praise to thee for thou O King divine (18)*

We say together:

**We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in  
God's love and to reflect God's glory with every step.  
Amen.**