

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over
all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

God of Glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through
us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
**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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus now lead on
From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on
To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom
Jesus, now lead on
Because good things have been prepared for those who love God.
Jesus, now lead on.

Hymn 169 GOD IS LOVE

The Blessing



Morning Worship - 12th February 2023 Parables of the Kingdom

Welcome and call to worship

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed... Though it is the
smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of
garden plants and becomes a tree. (Matthew 13:31-2)

Opening hymn 17 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

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

And also with you.

We come in this service to God,
In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,
And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.
We come with our faith and with our doubts,
We come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are, because it is God
who invites us to come,
And God has promised never to turn us away.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayers of Forgiveness

God has promised never to turn us away, but in the light of his
love, we see our own shortcomings, and to repent is to turn
around.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord,
who has heard the voice of our prayer.
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Hymn **63 BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART**

Readings:

Psalm 84 1-7

Matthew 13 24-43

Sermon – Eve Lockett

Hymn **378 O LORD, ALL THE WORLD BELONGS TO YOU**

We declare our faith

**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.**

The Intercessions

Hymn **516 THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SCENES OF LIFE**

Offertory prayer:

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.