

Closing Prayer

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn 518 THY HAND O GOD HAS GUIDED

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...



Morning Worship - 12th March 2023

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Welcome and call to worship

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.”
(Matthew 22:8–10)

Opening hymn 393 O WORSHIP THE KING ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE

Praise God! For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.

Happy are those who have been invited
to the wedding-feast of the Lamb.

Amen. Praise the Lord!

Prayers of Confession

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 **106 DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND**

Readings:

Psalm 45:6-7
Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Hymn **SOF1669 YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER,**

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
**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

Hymn **169 GOD IS LOVE: HIS THE CARE**

The Collect

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