# **General Thanksgiving**

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.** 

# Hymn MP1201 LONGING FOR LIGHT

### **Blessing**



#### Welcome and call to worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn 437 ROCK OF AGES (Petra)

Let us pray.

# **Prayer of confession**

'I will arise and go to my father and will say to him 'Father I have sinned against heaven and am no more worthy to be called your son.'

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.

<u>Readings</u>: (Elaine Flint)

Psalm 32:1-5 Luke 15:11-32

<u>Sermon</u>

### Hymn 27 AMAZING GRACE

### <u>Creed</u>

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit 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 (Jane Vlitos)

### The Lord's Prayer

# Hymn 328 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

#### The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**