

## Morning Worship – 30/7/23

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Concluding prayers

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,

**Christ be beside us.**

From what we are to what you can make of us,

**Christ be before us.**

From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom

**Christ be beneath us.**

Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,

**Christ be above us.**

Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose.  
and confirm us in your love.

**Amen.**

### HYMN 553 WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

#### The Blessing

May Christ, who makes saints out of sinners,  
and who transforms his saints on earth as in heaven,  
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world.  
And the blessing ...

### Welcome and Notices

Introducing our new Mission Partners

#### Call to worship

Jesus says: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. *Revelation 3:20*

### OPENING HYMN 427 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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

**And also with you.**

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

**God's holy name be praised.**

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast

**God's holy name be praised.**

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

**God's holy name be praised.**

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

**God's holy name be praised.**

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**Amen. We praise the Lord.**

#### Prayers of Forgiveness

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions  
of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we  
give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*

**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 205 He who would valiant be

Readings:

Revelation 3 1-22

1 Thessalonians 5 19-22

Sermon

HYMN 541 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

The Apostles' Creed

**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

OFFERTORY HYMN 334 MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR

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.**

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**