

**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.**

Hymn 249 **IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY** (Tune 321)

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Closing Prayer

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you now and always.
Amen.**

Hymn 408 **ONWARD CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS**

The Blessing

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



Morning Worship - 10th September 2023
What is the Battle?

Welcome and call to worship

Opening hymn **362 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES**

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word
and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess 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.

The Psalm

PSALM 46 (See sheet)

Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn **SOFI981 O CHURCH, ARISE**

Creed

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
**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.**