

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Closing prayer and Blessing

Jesus, lord of time,
hold us in your eternity.
Jesus, image of God,
travel with us through the life of faith.
Jesus, friend of sinners,
heal the brokenness of our world.
Jesus, lord of tomorrow,
draw us into your future. Amen.

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;
above all names.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
with you and all those you love, through every twist, turn and new
adventure of life... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go* (143)

**We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in
God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen**

Morning Worship Sunday 14th January 2024



Welcome

Hymn: *When morning gilds the skies* (551)

Come Lord Jesus.
To us, just as we are -
full of hope in this new day, or holding some anxiety in it,
with a song in our hearts or sadness in our souls,
full of faith, or doubt, or apathy, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

To calm or comfort us, or stir us and move us on,
to help us knock and open a door or to close one shut tight,
to share our hopes, light or truth
In whichever way we need to, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

O brother, saviour, friend Jesus,
you were brilliant at befriending people,
at meeting them just as they were.
Befriend us today and teach us, that we might delight
in the pleasure of your company
and learn to be more like you.
In your name we ask. Amen

Confession and Absolution

Christ comes to dispel the darkness of our hearts and to help us,
in his light, find the path to new beginnings.
So let us bring to mind all that hinders our relationship with him
and causes us to stumble.

Let us pray.
In a dark and disfigured world
We have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
We have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and love hungry world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

May Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to the light of God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is waiting* (268)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Readings: Mark 2:1-22
Psalm 103:6-14

Sermon

Offertory Hymn: *O Lord, all the world belongs to you* (378)

Affirmation of Faith

**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