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.**

<u>Hymn:</u> Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go (143)

We say together:

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

Morning Worship, Sunday 30th June 2024



Welcome

<u>Hymn</u>: Awake my soul and with the sun (50 part 1)

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.

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

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Christ, have mercy.

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, remember me (twice)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Revelation 3:1-6

Matthew 25:1-13

<u>Sermon</u>

A short time of reflection

Offertory Hymn: Now is eternal life

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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

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The Lord's Prayer