



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come before the Lord in holy worship.

*We come asking that our lives be remade and our priorities reordered.*

Open your hearts and God will open your lives to His way.

*We are ready Lord. Make known to us Your will.*

## INVOCATION

Into Your presence we come, O God of love and hope. Inspire us with the gift of Your most Holy Spirit as we gather here today. Empower us with a sense of anticipation as to what it is You will be doing among us in this sacred time and in this sacred place. In the name and the spirit of Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen!*

**HYMN: 132**    *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*

## PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiring of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us, strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear then Christ’s word of grace to us: *“Your sins are forgiven.”*

*Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN: 142**    *“Glory be to God the Father”*

## PRAYER

Gracious God, help us to remember that we must love one another and remember we are all Your children. Remind us, that if we tune our hearts to Jesus’ heart, we will all come together to create a loving and kind world. In Jesus’ name we pray. *Amen!*

## PSALTER READING

*Psalms 20*

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## PRAYER

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, You stand among us in the shadows of our time.

As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of Your risen Son, we will share His resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be Your people.

Creator of the universe, You made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ.

We pray that, wherever Your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of Your name.

O God, Your Son remained with His disciples after His resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours.

As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbours with whom we share it.

*Prayers of the people (in silence)*

*Open our hearts to Your power moving around us and between us and within us, until Your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen!*

*Prayers of the people (in silence)*

*Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that as You have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near, by our words and deeds. Amen!*

*Prayers of the people (in silence)*

*Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what You do on our behalf, but what You call us to do so that Your realm will come to fruition in glory.*

*We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask You, hear our prayers. Amen!*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER