

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God, who has called us to be holy people, and has established an everlasting covenant through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We come in spirit and in truth.

Let us adore the God of love: who created us; who continually preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord.

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor; He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin; He went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom; He became obedient to death, death on the cross; He was dead and is alive for evermore; He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; He is seated at God's right hand in glory; He will come again to be our judge.

You are the king of glory, O Christ.

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life; whose witness confirms us; whose wisdom teaches us; whose power enables us. By the Spirit we are born into the family of God, and made members of Christ's body.

All praise to you, O Holy Spirit.

HYMN: 225 *"My Heart and Voice I Raise"*

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have appointed our Lord Jesus Christ as mediator of a New Covenant. Give us grace to draw near with full assurance of faith, and rejoice in our continuing covenant with You; through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALTER READING: Psalm 13 *(Pages 537-538) - In Unison*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In penitence and faith, and in a period of silence, let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

We acknowledge before God the Lord the wretchedness of our world and the sins of our hearts and minds. Our times are full of evil and we are but children of our times. We have seen the light and we are still in darkness.

We have seen the truth and we are half-hearted. We are disciples, but poor disciples, unable to give sight to our neighbour who is blind to where blessing lies. We confess all these things with shame and pray God forgive and redeem. Amen.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and to enjoy You, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Ambrose of Milan (339-33-97)

HYMN: 198 *"I Greet You My Sure Redeemer"* *(Tune 498 Toulon)*

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)