

***On Line*****Opening Hymn – What Does The Lord Require of You**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Now stretch out your hand to the screen and let's virtually take hands and say:**

**'Jesus Loves you and so do I'**

Our service today as begin our journey through lent, reflects on our susceptibility to being misled and what Jesus has to say about this, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

*Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:*

**Let us Pray** - God of love and mercy, great and amazing are your deeds and just and true are all your ways. You alone are holy and all your judgements are good. You reach out to us and call us to accept the mercy and forgiveness of your Son Jesus and to walk in his path. We thank you Father, that though he was tempted in every way as we are tempted, he was without sin and able to offer himself for us as a sacrifice acceptable to you - and that even now he lives with you and intercedes before you on our behalf. Bless, we pray, O Father of all, our gathering in his name and help us by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in righteousness and to bring all praise, honour and glory to you - both in this time of worship - and forevermore. **Amen**

**2nd Hymn - O Worship The King**

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

**Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.**

**We do not love what you love.**

**We do not embrace what you embrace.**

**We do not defend what you have called us to defend.**

**Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.**

The Lord who created you says: You are my witnesses, and you are my servant. So do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. **Amen.**

**Let us pray**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness to your saving love in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 (NIV)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Romans 5:12-19 (NIV)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn** – Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God

**4<sup>th</sup> Reading** – Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

**SERMON:** It's a long Journey

**4<sup>th</sup> Hymn** – What A Friend We Have In Jesus

**Let us pray**

Father God, Sometimes my heart yearns for all the things I think I don't have, instead of cherishing the blessings You give. Today, I choose to turn over all my wants and instead rest in Your love. You urge us to recognize Your glory, telling us, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Your glory is enough—You are enough. As You told your son Joshua as he was about to enter the Promised Land all those thousands of years ago, You will never leave us or forsake us. We can trust in You, and You will protect and provide for us.

Help me rest in that love and feel the peace that You provide rest on my bones today and every day. I love You, Lord. Amen.

**Apostles Creed**

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.

**Prayers** - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

**5<sup>th</sup> Hymn** – Here I am Lord (Hymn)

**Presentation of offerings**

God of compassion, you minister to us in our wilderness. When barren wastes surround us, you hear our prayers of petition. In times of want, you ease our plight with mercy. In times of plenty, all that we have comes from your grace. In bringing our gifts to you, we return what is already yours. May these gifts be used to bring all your people into the promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Notices** (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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**All** Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is

**under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.**

**This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.**

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may the Lord our God the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you both now and forevermore. **Amen**

**Departing Hymn— O Jesus, I Have Promised**