

## Service for Caversham Park URC 10th after Trinity, year A, proper 14

### Preparing to hear God's Word

#### Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome to you all, to the people watching from a distance and to the people here in our temporary home at St Martin's Roman Catholic primary school. We give our thanks for their hospitality to us.

We light our candles, as a sign of Christ's presence among us, and as a sign of people we particularly want to pray about today.

**Psa 85:8** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Psa 85:9** Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Psa 85:10** Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Psa 85:11** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**Psa 85:12** The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Psa 85:13** Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

#### Hymn / Song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

#### Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,  
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,  
letting go of our security.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus challenges us to listen  
to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,  
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of love and mercy,  
we come before you  
knowing that we are in need of forgiveness.**

**We have sinned against you  
in our speaking and in our silence;  
in our thinking and in our thoughtlessness;  
in our actions and in our inaction.**

**We have sinned against you,  
in not loving you with our whole heart and soul and strength;  
in not loving our sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**Grant us, O Lord, your forgiveness,  
restore us in the image of your Son,  
and lead us along the way to your kingdom,  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord says: See, I am making all things new.

*Revelation 21:5*

**If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself .

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

Through him your sins are forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

The Lord also says:

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

*Mark 8:34*

#### **Hearing God's Word**

#### **Theme Introduction**

#### **Prayer for Grace or Collect for the Day (4)**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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.

**Reading from Scripture**      Romans 10 :5 – 15                      Dorothy

**Psalm or Hymn or Song**      Go forth and tell

**Reading from Scripture**      Matthew 14 :22 – 33    Margaret

**Hymn or Song**                  Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Sermon** or other Exposition of the Word

**Responding to God's Word**

**Hymn or Song**                  At the name of Jesus

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Offering**

Generous God  
we bring our gifts to you  
with cheerfulness and joyful hearts.  
Give us courage that with these gifts  
we may also offer our minds, bodies and spirits, ready and willing to show the truth of the  
Gospel in our lives.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn or Song**                  Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**The Blessing**

Let us go out into the world  
as bringers of love  
as makers of peace  
as messengers of hope  
knowing that the blessing of God, the source of life,  
of Jesus Christ, the way to life,  
and of the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of life,  
is with us today, tomorrow and forever.  
**Amen.**