

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 virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today reflects on the story of Love as a Choice, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words that appear on screen in yellow as they appear on screen in during this service:

Let us pray: O God, you have created us, you have called us, and you have chosen us to be your people. We praise your most holy name. You have promised to make Your dwelling place within the hearts of all who hear Your words and put them into practice. We give you our thanks. Send Your Spirit to bring to our mind all that Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, did and taught, and empower us to bear witness to Him in our own words and deeds. Grace this time of worship and lift up our hearts and minds in your holy peace. **Amen.**

2nd Hymn - Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

The call to confession is always a call to experience God’s mercy. In admitting the truth of our loves to our loving Creator, we open ourselves to the experience of grace and healing. Trusting in that divine love, let us pray, first in silence.

Let us confess –

We pause O God to look over the past in which you were with us - but we were not always with you. Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Forgive us Lord and lead us through the year in holiness and righteousness. We ask this that we might be a people pleasing unto you, a people who allow your light to shine in the darkness and who bring praise and glory unto your name.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & MERCY:

Rejoice and be glad! You are forgiven. For everyone who asks, receives; and those who seek, find, for the one who was born in Bethlehem and who was crucified in Jerusalem and is risen lives and intercedes for us before God.

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the Glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

1st Reading – Acts 16:9-15 (NIV)

2nd Reading – Psalm 67 (NIV)

3rd Hymn – Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God (sermon)

3rd Reading - John 14:23-29 (NIV)

SERMON: If Anyone Loves Me

4th Hymn – Amazing Grace (Tune New Britain - 6vv) [with lyrics for congregations]

Let us pray

You are with us, O God, to knit us together in mutual love and caring. You pour out abundant gifts that enrich our existence and challenge us to give our best. Let the words of our mouths proclaim the dawn of redemption that Christ inaugurates. Let the actions that arise from our hearts and minds spread abroad the good news of his reconciling love. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; and with that love burning, make this world of ours a world of Hope and Promise - for all peoples, and for all times.

All these things we ask and pray to you about in the name of Christ Jesus - who gives to us the light we need to walk into each day as your holy and beloved people. 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

Lords Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

5th Hymn – Love One Another [Singing Scripture; 1 John 4 7] (2020 Songs)

Presentation of offerings

Loving God, with these gifts we now offer in obedience to your word we desire to honour you and thank you as you deserve. Receive what is in our collection today, and that which is in our hearts at this time, and bless it to your work in this world that there may be an abundance of light and love, of care and of mercy among us and among all persons whom you love and seek to save and redeem.

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 and love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus and may the peace of God keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus our Saviour, and may the Spirit of the Lord guide and lead you, support and comfort you both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— Faith of our Fathers