

**Caversham Park Morning Service
Sunday, 27 July 2025**

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship – Psalm 85 – Responsorial

1 You, Lord, showed favour to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

3 You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

4 Restore us again, God our Saviour, and put away your displeasure towards us.

5 Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

6 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants – but let them not turn to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

13 Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Hymn 1 What a friend we have in Jesus MP 746

Introduction – Hand out sheets of paper for writing individual prayers

Lighting the Candles

In lighting these candles we ask you to remember the situations we bring to you.

Prayer of Approach Let us pray:

Father God who is our life, be with us. Christ who is our guide, walk with us.

Spirit who is our strength, uphold us. One-in-three God, sharing each moment,

bless and hallow this worship, cleanse and mould our hearts,

that we may praise you alone, because of who you are, and for opening our eyes to see.

Amen

Hymn 2 Seek ye first MP 590 – (on guitar)

Invitation to Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,

and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,

and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
Grant us time for amendment of our lives, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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**

1st Reading - Colossians 2. 6-15

Hymn 3 In Christ alone MP 1072

3rd Reading - Luke 11. 1-13

Talk

Hymn 4 My Jesus my Saviour MP 1003

Prayer 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**

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**All 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 of Intercession – congregation write & bring forward their prayers

Hymn 5 Our Father MP 552

Praying over the Collection (music played as the collection brought forward)

Receive these our gifts of money; talents and time in response to the life you give to us through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we not withhold anything that brings hope to others
and may we share all we have to the benefit of all. **Amen**

Notices

Dismissal – The Blessing

Let us bless each other by saying the Grace to each other, and also to those people who are not physically here with us, but are sharing in our worship.

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with us all, ever more. Amen**

Hymn 6 When we walk with the Lord MP 760