

**Worship Together**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



**Call to Worship**

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

**All Almighty God, we ask you to show us something more of who you are and how awesome your presence is. Overcome our fear of the unknown, and lead us into a new experience of you. May our worship today be as on a mountain-top, a transforming encounter that empowers our discipleship. Amen.**

**Hymn** O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
be Thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee,  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

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### **Collect for the Sunday next before Lent**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord

**All Amen**

### **Confession**

Lord, whereas it's part of our faith walk to seek and be open to life-changing moments, forgive us when we just plod through life and get despondent with the mundane. We are sorry, Lord.

**Shine on us, we pray.**

On the other hand, we can at times get fixated on the spiritual mountain-tops and so miss out on what's happening below in the everyday. When things are going well for us, we can get wrapped up in the moment and be forgetful of others. We're sorry, Lord.

**All Shine on us, we pray.**

There are many voices tuned into today's world telling us how to live and what's best. But you, Lord, are our authority in life. Forgive us when we fail to test things against your word. We're sorry, Lord.

**All Shine on us, we pray. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

#### **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Life with Jesus activity**

**Mark 9:2-9**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Talk**

**Hymn Lord I come to You**

Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

*Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love*

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

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**Intercessions**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Hymn God of grace amazing wonder

Irresistible and free  
Oh the miracle of mercy  
Jesus reaches down to me  
God of grace I stand in wonder  
As my God restores my soul  
His own blood has paid my ransom  
Awesome cost to make me whole

God of grace who loved and knew me  
Long before the world began  
Sent my Saviour down from heaven  
Perfect God and perfect Man  
God of grace I trust in Jesus  
I'm accepted as His own  
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me  
As I lean on Him alone

God of grace I stand astounded  
Cleansed forgiven and secure  
All my fears are now confounded  
And my hope is ever sure  
God of grace now crowned in glory  
Where one day I'll see Your face  
And forever I'll adore You  
In Your everlasting grace

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## Notices and birthdays

### Hymn In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,

the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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**All Lord Jesus, raise our expectations of what it means to encounter God not just in this place but in every place, in all the places we shall be in the days ahead. Help us every day to discover something new about God's ways, about what God wants of us –and change the way we see the world, and the way we act. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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