**Sunday Morning Praise**



**Vestry Prayer**

*We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this place upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen*

**The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **and also with you.**

**Welcome** *informal words of welcome are given*

*Our collection plate is placed near the door – please put your contribution towards the life and work of the church on the plate either as you come or as you leave, thank you.*

**Opening responses *we sit***

For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

**A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

**A time for war and a time for peace.** *from Ecclesiastes 3*

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

**Confession *we sit or kneel***

For the Truth that speaks to hearts **Lord, show us your mercy.**

For grace beyond imagining **Lord, show us your mercy.**

For forgiveness from our sin **Lord, show us your mercy.**

Lord you call us to be different as we journey through this day,

To be a guide to those who wander, to offer help, seek for the lost

**Forgive us when we fail to become the people we should be.**

Lord you call us to be different in the ebb and flow of life, to see the good in all your children, demonstrate your love and grace.

**Forgive us when we fail to become the people we should be.**

Lord, you call!

**Equip and strengthen your people for the task that within our daily journeying we might bless the loves we meet. Amen.**

**God’s Promise of Forgiveness**

**God forgives us all, now we are to forgive others, and to forgive ourselves. We choose to live in peace. Amen.**

**The Collect of the day and Reading/s *We sit***

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Reflection *We sit***

**The Creed *We stand***

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving**

For this day of possibilities; the roads that we have walked,

Glances and greetings exchanged, conversations and silences,

Decisions made or deferred, successes and failures,

Prayers whispered or left unsaid, blessings given or received;

For this day of possibilities and the one that is to come

We give to you our thanks.

**Prayers: *We sit or kneel***

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end we conclude with the Lord’s 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.

**Peace *We stand***

*introduced with these or other suitable words:*

God is love, and those who live in love live in God,

and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

**Responses**

Send us out into the world, Lord to speak your words of truth

Send us out into the world, Lord to proclaim your love and grace

Send us out into the world, Lord to bring comfort to the weak

Send us out into the world, Lord to be your hands and feet

**We shall not fear this day for you are with us**

**Wherever we might go, your light to shine ahead,**

**Your footsteps to lead the way**

**We shall not fear this day for your word will be our guide,**

**Your strength sustain us, your love revive us this day and all days.**

**We shall not fear this day**

**For you are with us wherever we might go.**

**So may the God we follow be the voice that calls us,**

**The feet that guide us, the love that inspires us, the strength that sustains us and the embrace that welcomes us home.**

May God bless us in our sleep with rest,

In our dreams with vision, in our waking with a calm mind

In our souls with the friendship of the Holy Spirit

This day, this night and always. Amen.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Final Vestry Prayer**

*The Lord be with you* ***And also with you***

*May the souls of the faithfully departed,*

*through the mercy of God, rest in peace* ***And rise in glory***

*Let us bless the Lord* ***Thanks be to God.***

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