

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Christ Church with St Mary's**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**Theme: Mothering Sunday**



We say together the words in **bold**



# Welcome and Introduction



The Lord be with you      and also with you



Bible verse of the year 2023 - 2024

**I lift my eyes to the hills...  
from where will my help come?**

**My help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121 v 1,2



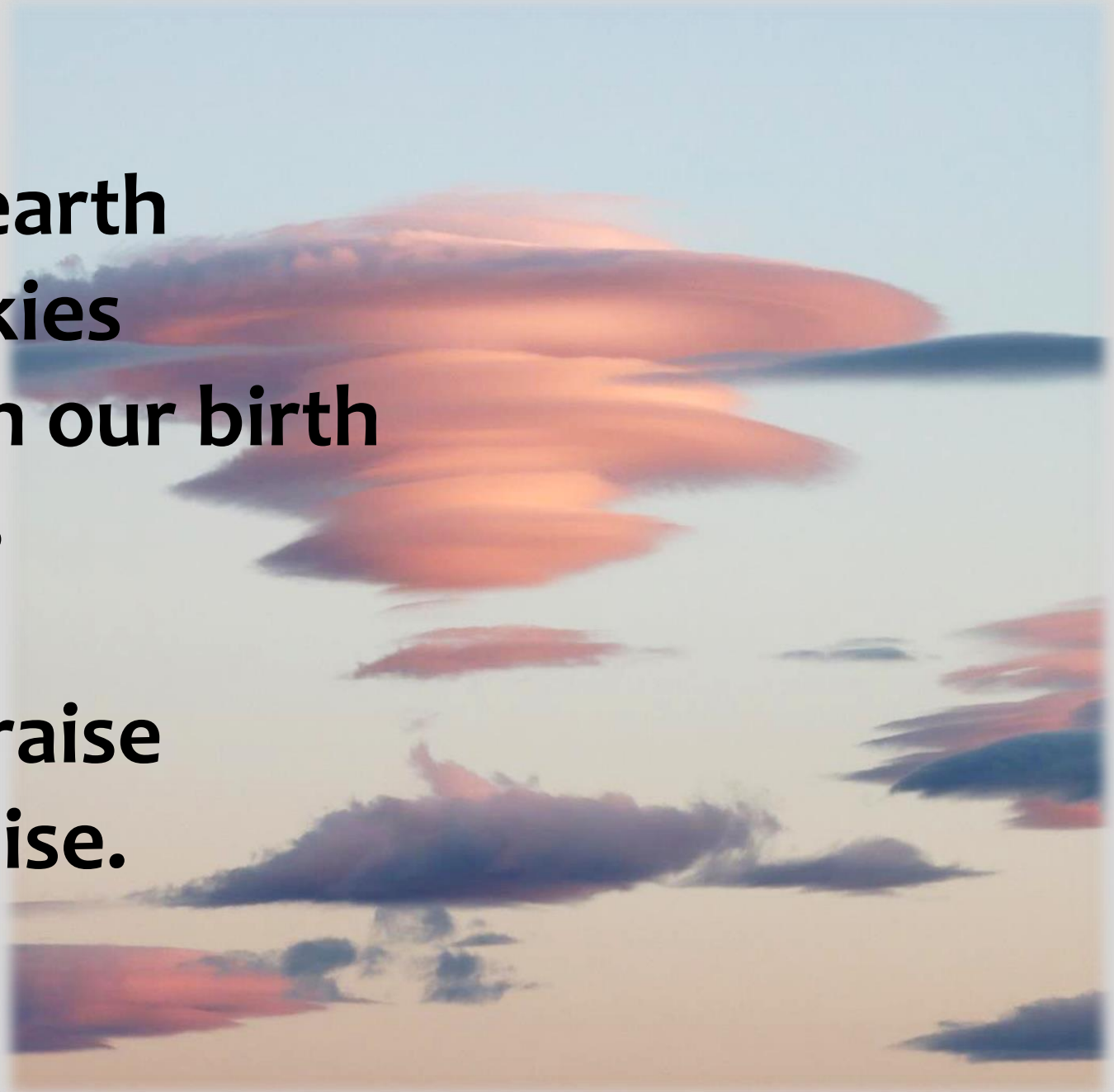
## A Prayer for Growth

**God of mission  
who alone brings growth to your church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you  
and in service to our Swindon community  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**<sup>1</sup>For the beauty of the earth  
for the beauty of the skies  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**







**For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r  
sun and moon and stars of light**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**3 For the joy of human love  
brother, sister, parent, child  
friends on earth  
and friends above  
pleasures pure and undefiled**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**






**4 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely giv'n  
graces human and divine  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heaven**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**







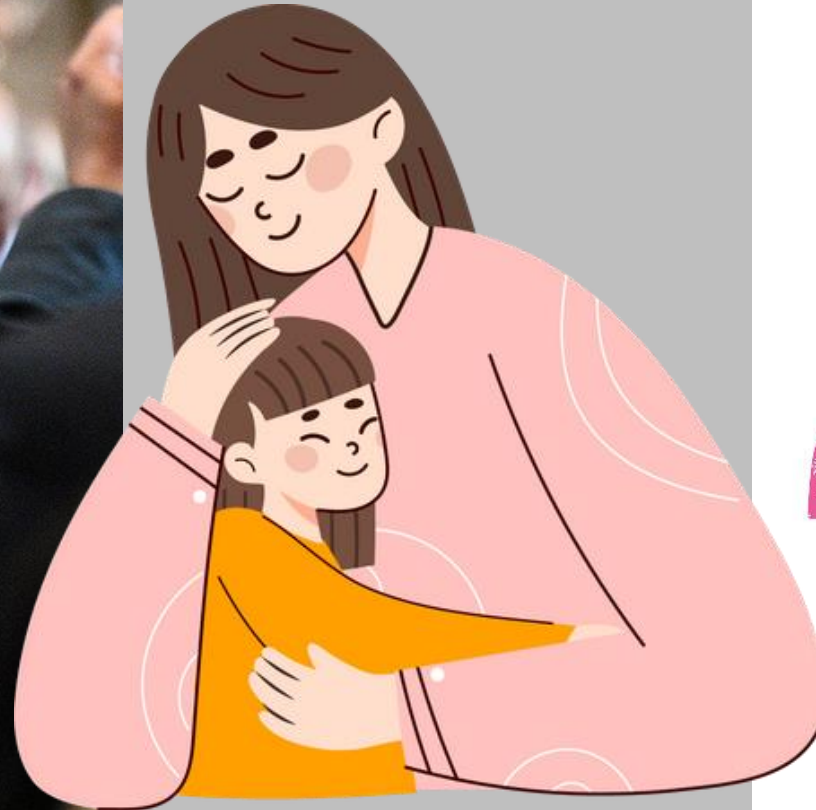
**5 For thy Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above  
off'ring up on ev'ry shore  
her pure sacrifice of love**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**



Offertory  
and  
thankyou prayer





Children's Talk – 'Mothering Sunday'



Prayer with the children



**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

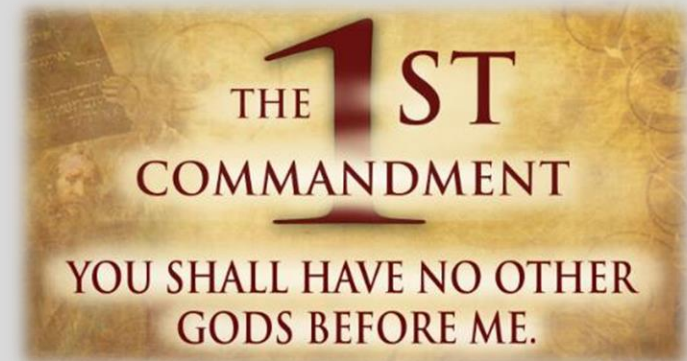
## Prayer of Confession

Hear these commandments which God has given  
to his people and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God:  
you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and  
with all your strength.

**Amen. Lord have mercy**





You shall not make for yourself any idol.

God is spirit and those who worship him  
must worship in spirit and truth.



**Amen. Lord have mercy**

You shall not dishonour  
the name of the Lord your God.

You shall worship him with awe and reverence.



**Amen. Lord have mercy**



Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Christ is risen from the dead:  
set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on earth.



**Amen. Lord have mercy**

Honour your father and mother.

Live as servants of God:

let us work for the good of all,  
especially members of the household of faith.

Members of the  
Household of God



**Amen. Lord have mercy**

You shall not commit murder.

Live peaceably with all:  
overcome evil with good.

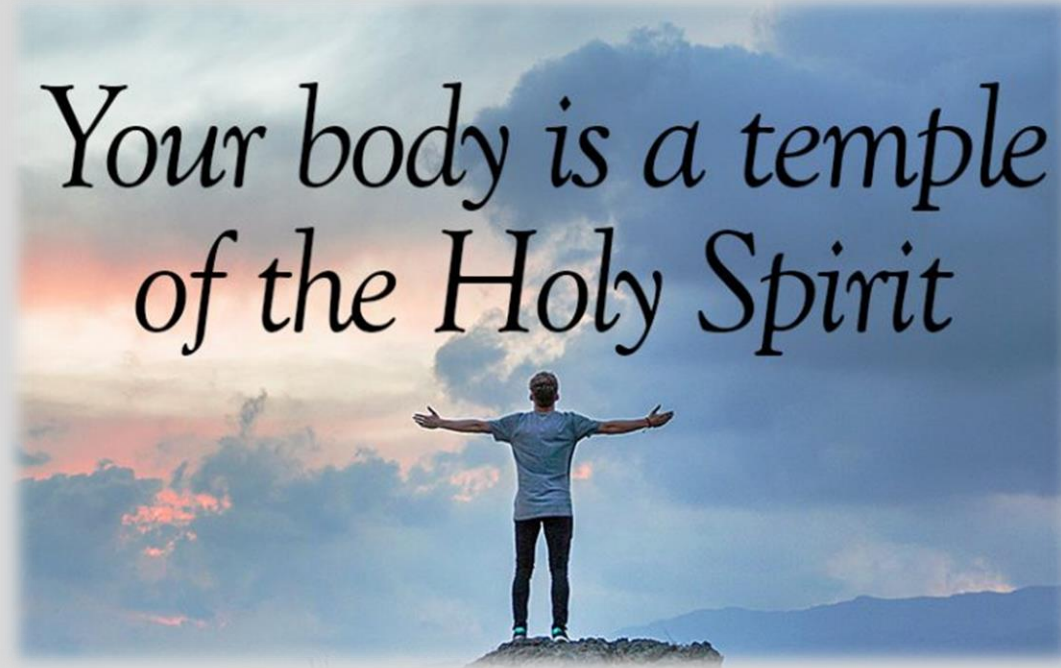


**Amen. Lord have mercy**



You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body  
is a temple of the Holy Spirit.



**Amen. Lord have mercy**

You shall not steal.

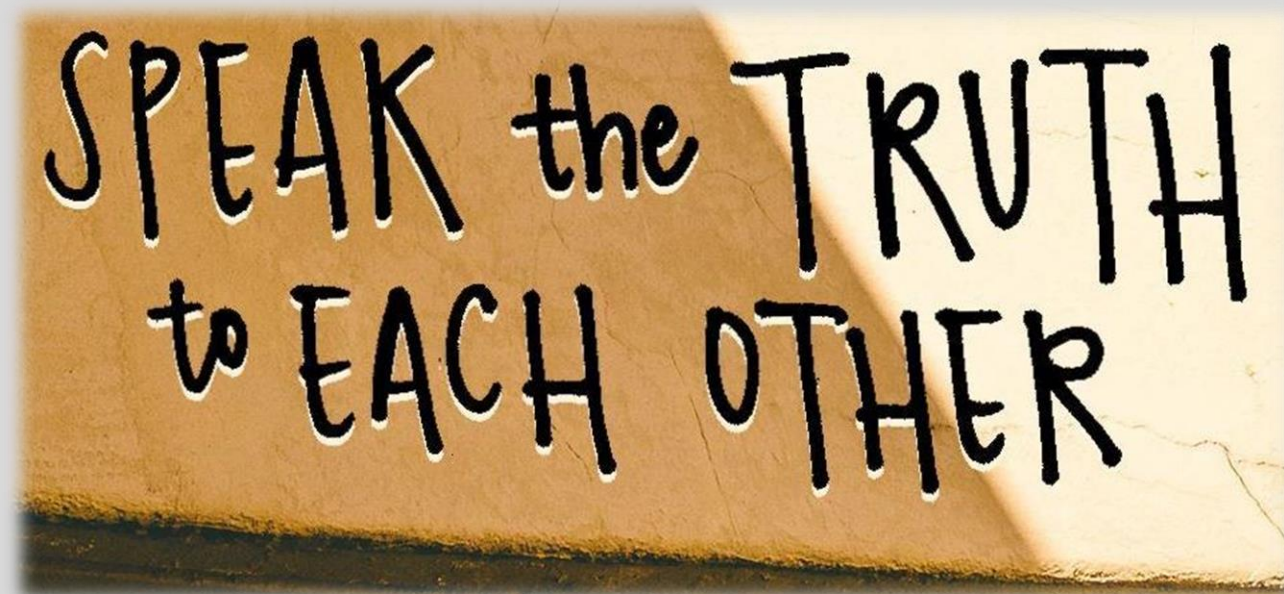
Be honest in all that you do  
and care for those in need .

**honest.**

**Amen. Lord have mercy**

You shall not be a false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth.



**Amen. Lord have mercy**



You shall not covet anything  
which belongs to your neighbour.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus  
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’  
Love your neighbour as yourself,  
for love is fulfilling the law.

**Amen. Lord have mercy**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion  
and acknowledge our transgressions  
in penitence and faith.



**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may  
serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**



**Lord, have mercy.** x2

**Christ, have mercy.** x2

**Lord, have mercy.** x2

May Almighty God,  
who sent his Son into  
the world to save sinners  
bring you his pardon  
and peace, now and forever.

**Amen**



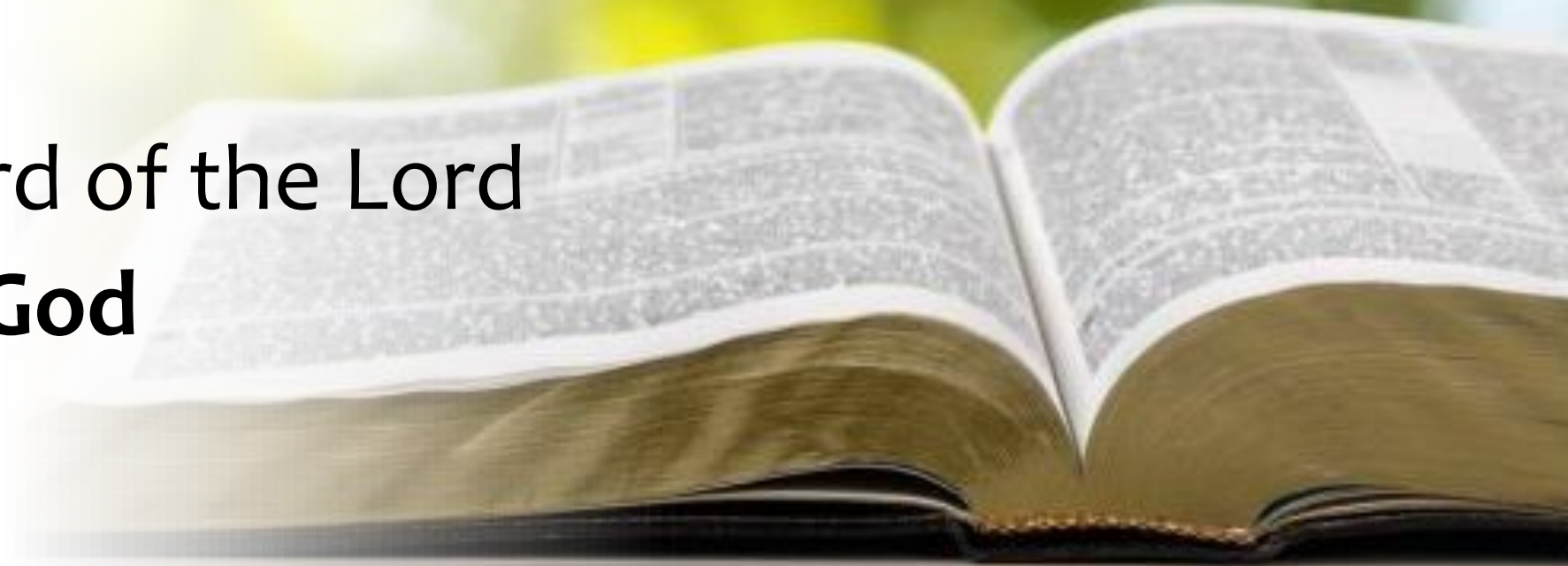
# The Collect Prayer for today

God of Love,  
passionate and strong  
tender and careful  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Exodus 2 : 1 – 10

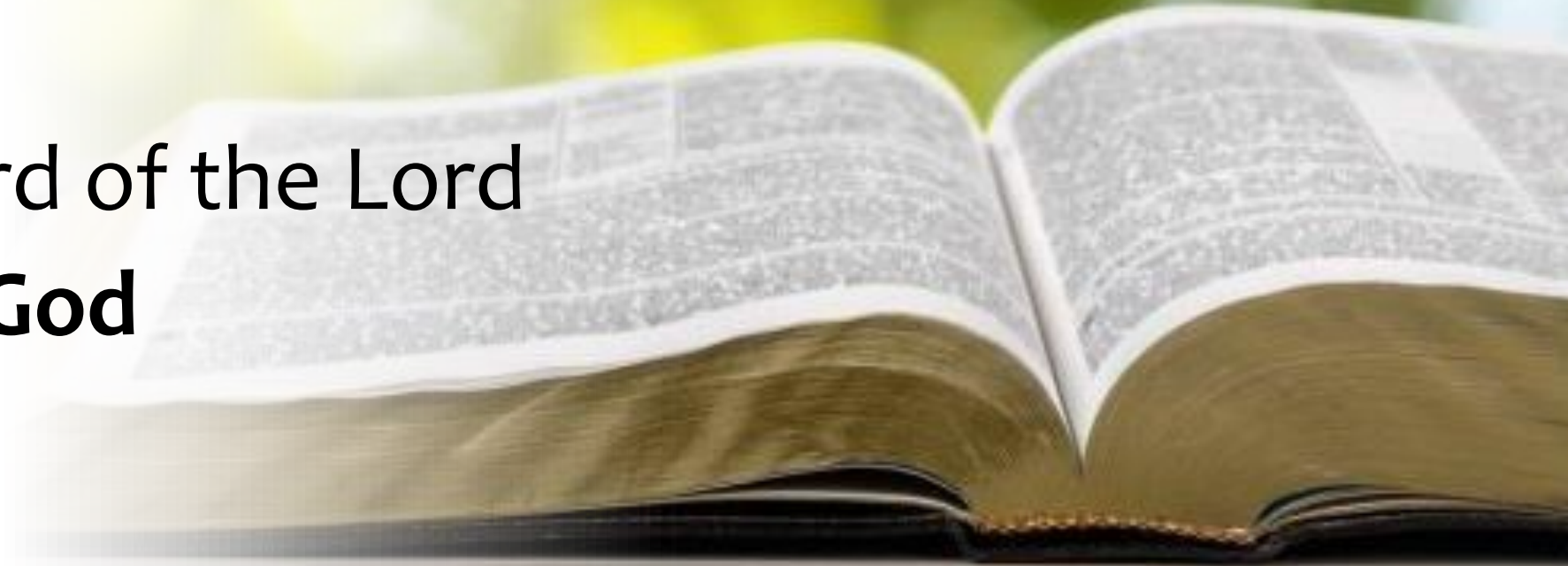
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**Thanks be to God**



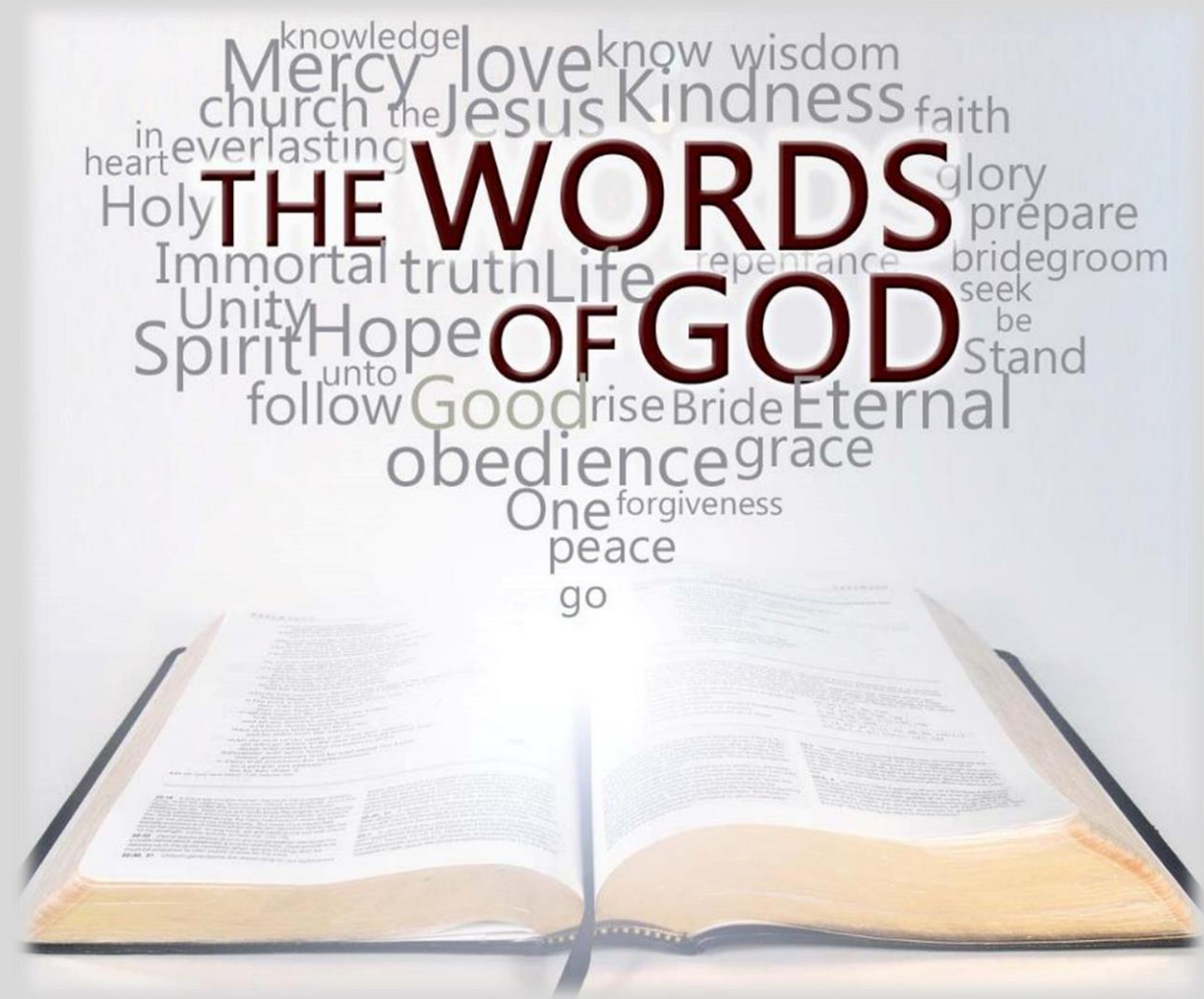


Colossians 3 : 12 - 17

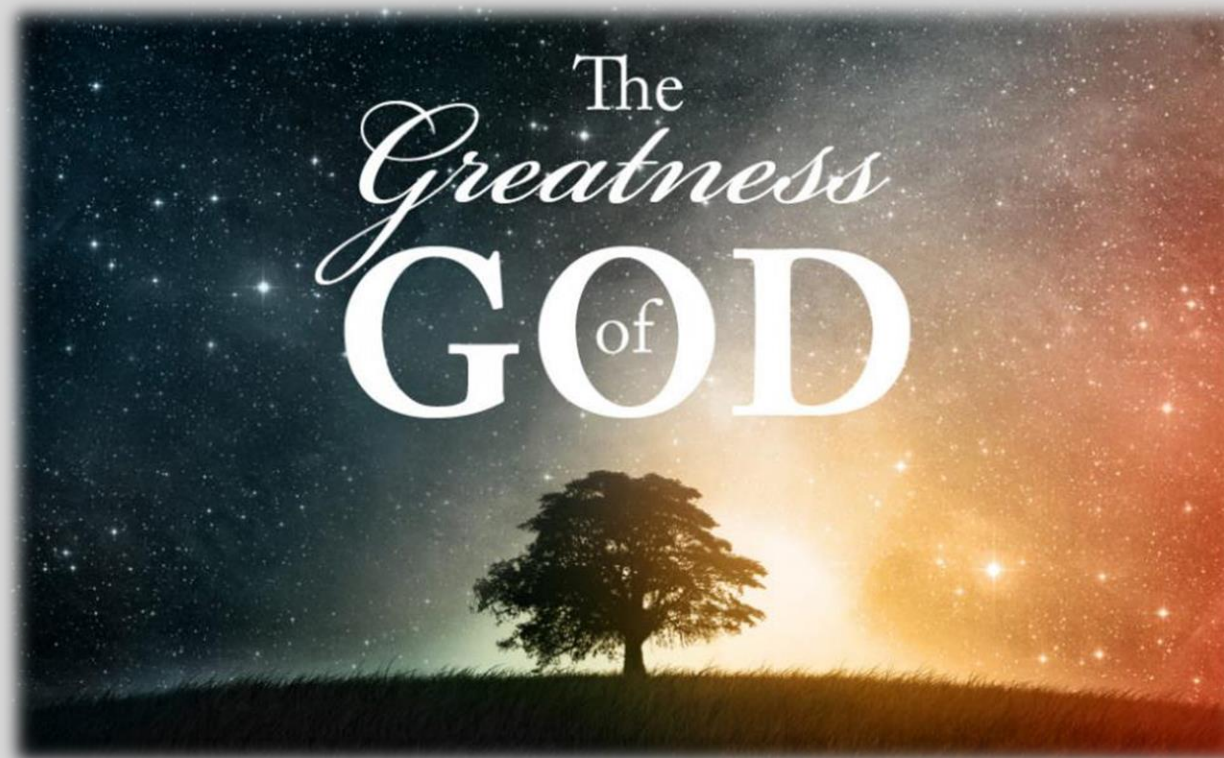
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**1 Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
unnumbered blessings  
give my spirit voice  
tender to me  
the promise of his word  
in God my Saviour  
shall my heart rejoice.**



**<sup>2</sup>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**





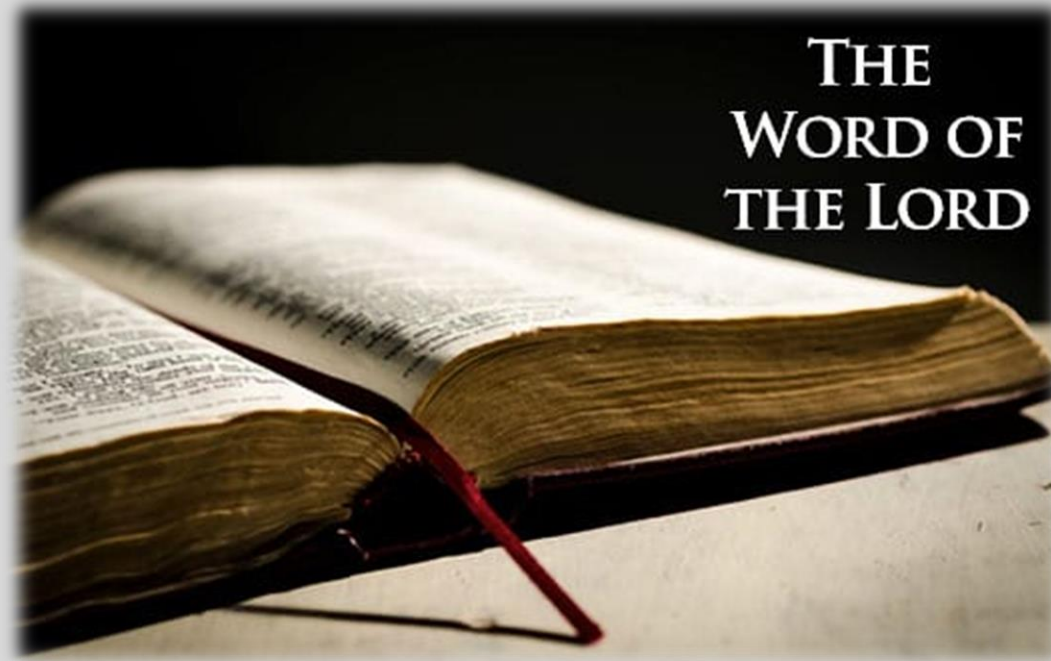
**<sup>3</sup>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**



<sup>4</sup>Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word  
firm is his promise and his mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.



Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.



**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**



Hear the Gospel of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to.....  
**Glory to you O Lord**

John 19 : 25b - 27

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**







Sermon – 'Christ, from the cross, calls us to form community, to care for one another in his name.'

# The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God  
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God  
but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and  
was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore, God has raised him on high  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.      Amen



# Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father-

**Accept these  
prayers for the  
sake of your son  
our Saviour  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen**



# The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you



**and also with you.**



**<sup>1</sup> Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices  
who wondrous things has done  
in whom this world rejoices  
who from our mother's arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love  
and still is ours today.**



**2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us  
and keep us in his grace  
and guide us when perplexed  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**



3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven  
the one eternal God  
whom earth and heav'n adore  
for thus it was, is now  
and shall be evermore.





Pour upon the poverty of our love  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

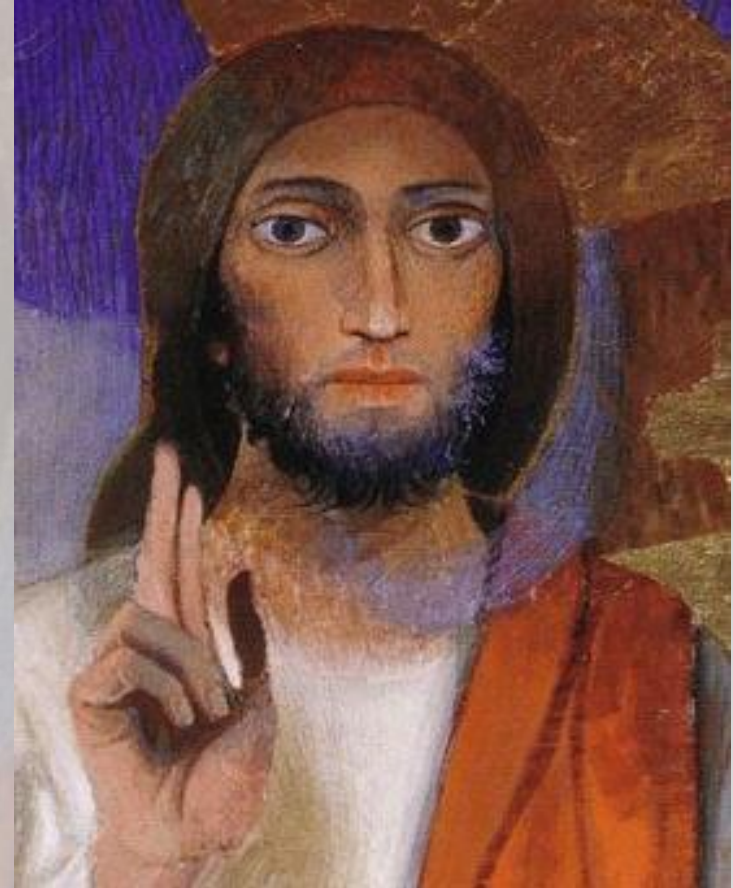
**Amen**



The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
Almighty God and Everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.



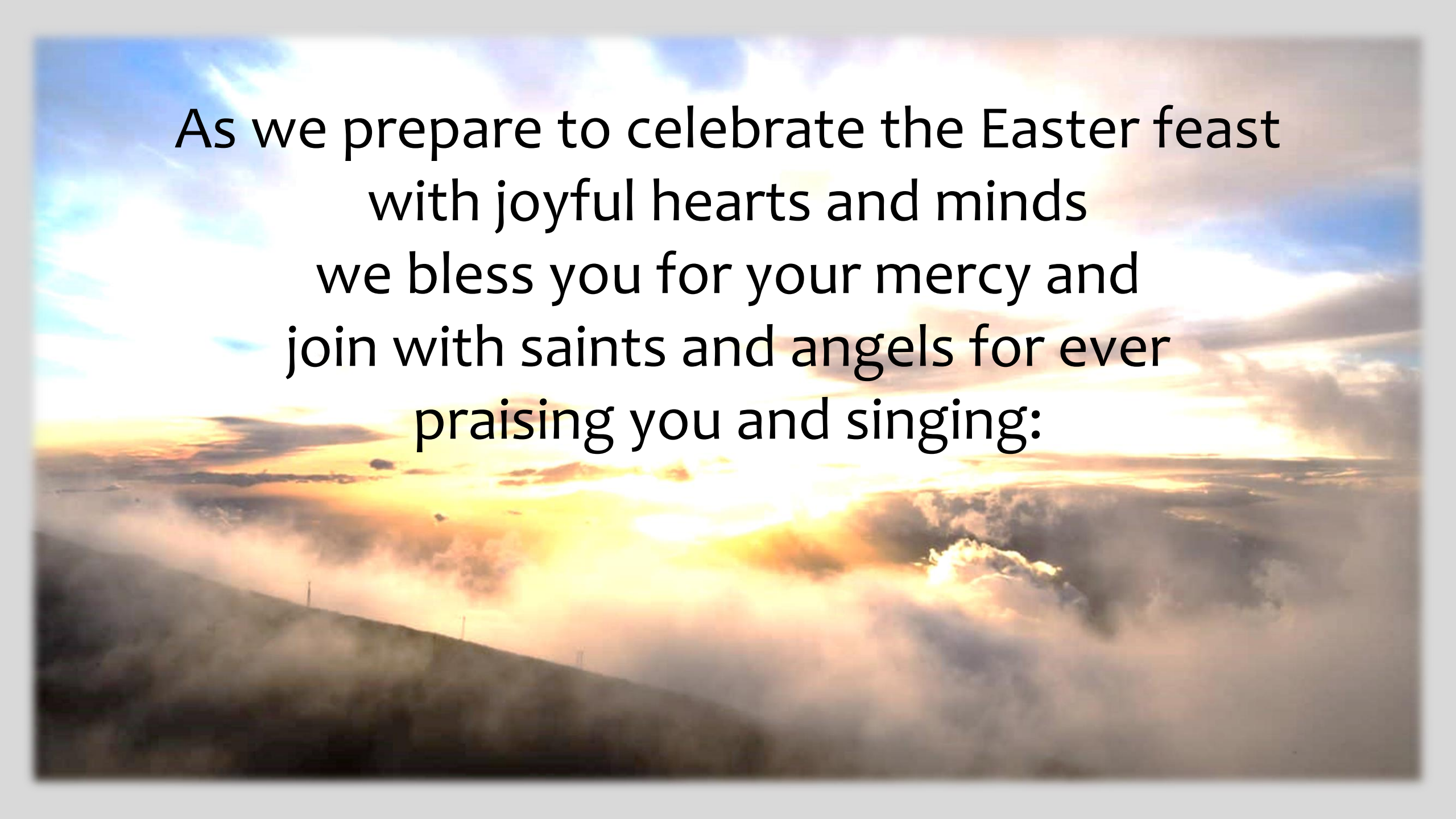
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of  
repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer  
and discipline we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.



Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others into the  
radiant splendour of your love.



A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a bright, low sun on the horizon, casting a golden glow across a body of water and a dark, silhouetted hill in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and  
join with saints and angels for ever  
praising you and singing:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**





Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:



Take eat; this is my body which is given for you  
do this in remembrance of me

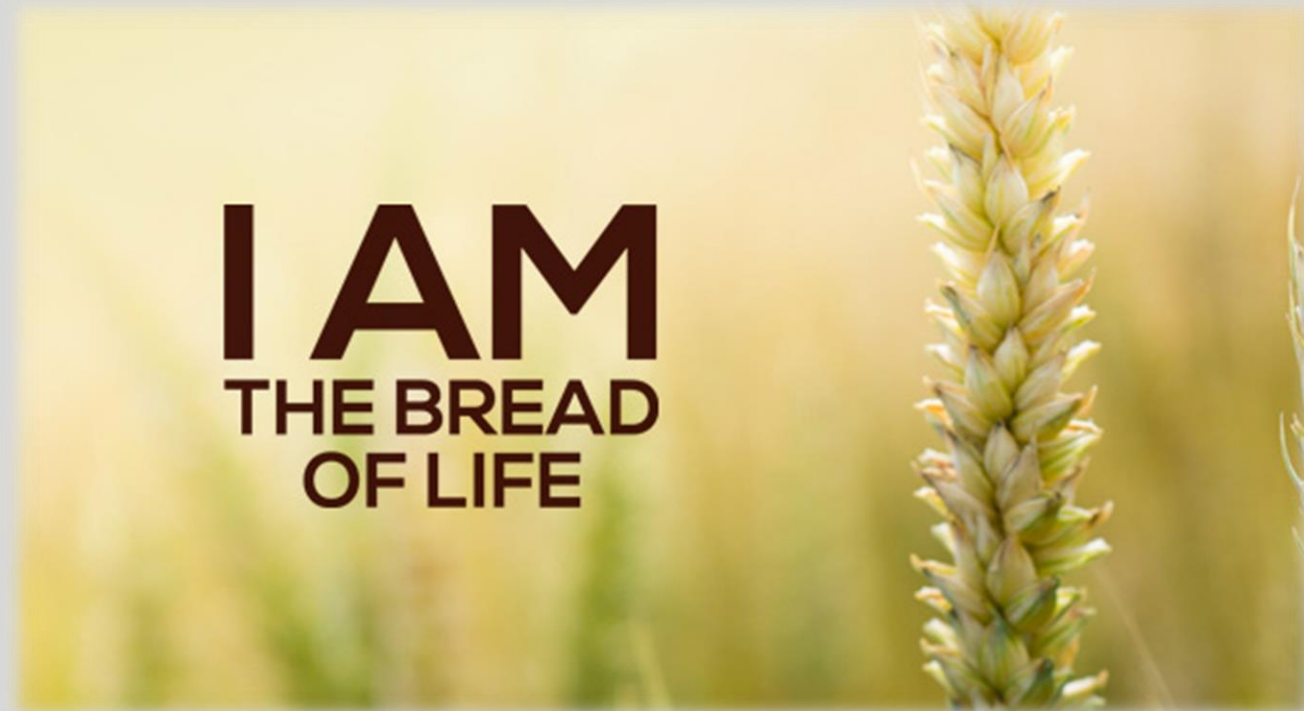
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.





Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death,  
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**





And so Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the  
whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving, we bring before you  
this bread and this cup and we thank you for  
counting us worthy to stand  
in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into  
one in your kingdom all who share this one bread  
and one cup, so that we, in the company of  
all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom and with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory be yours  
Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen**



# The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

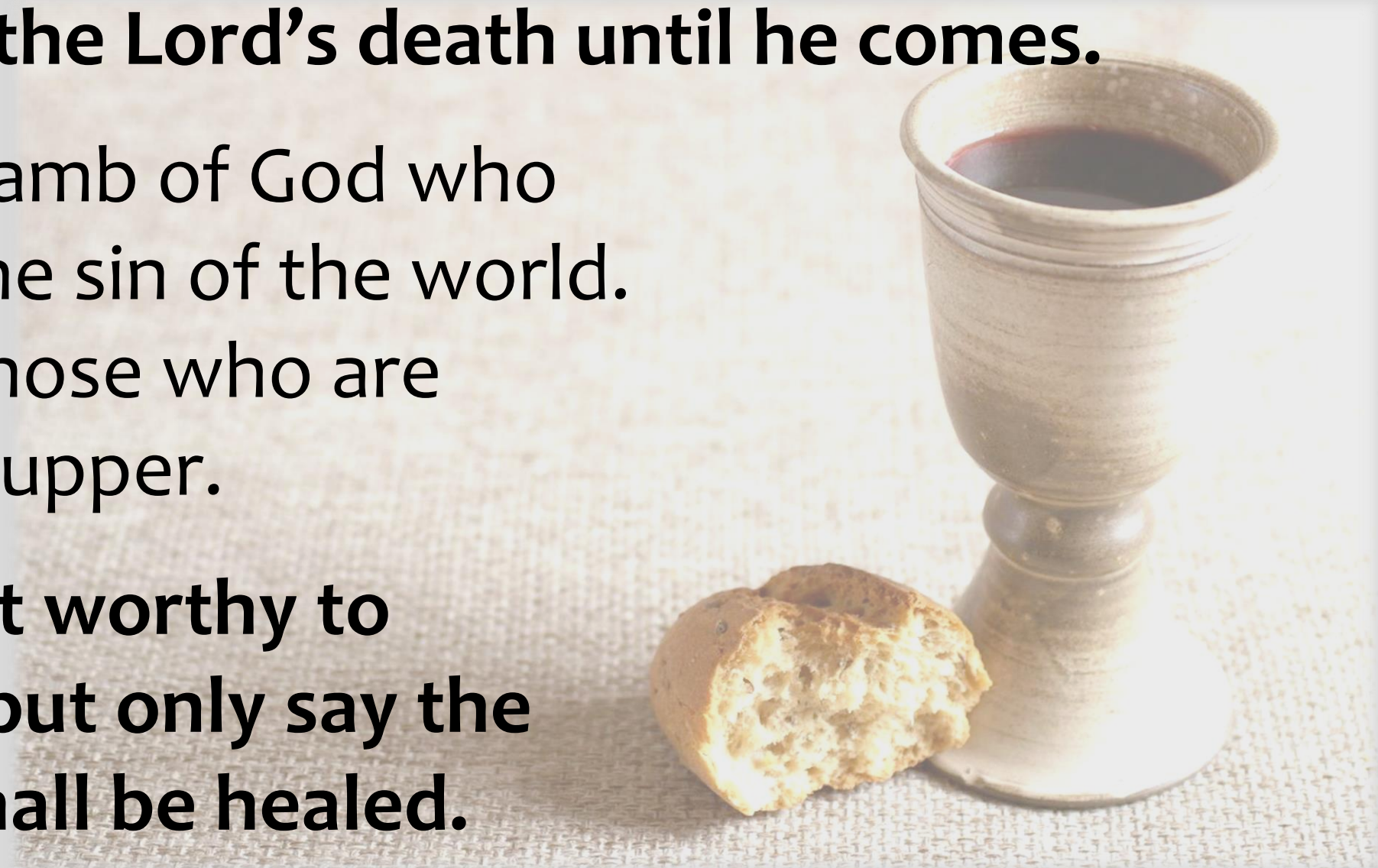
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever**

**Amen**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who  
takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say the  
word and I shall be healed.**





**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared  
we were not fit even to eat  
the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation  
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us with the precious  
body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.**



**Amen**



We sing together –


**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world  
give us your peace.**







# Jesus the Bread of Life

Receiving the bread and wine




Anthem 'God beyond all names'



Bernadette Farrell





# Jesus the Bread of Life

Receiving the bread and wine



## Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament  
with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power  
of your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen**



What is  
going on?

Family News



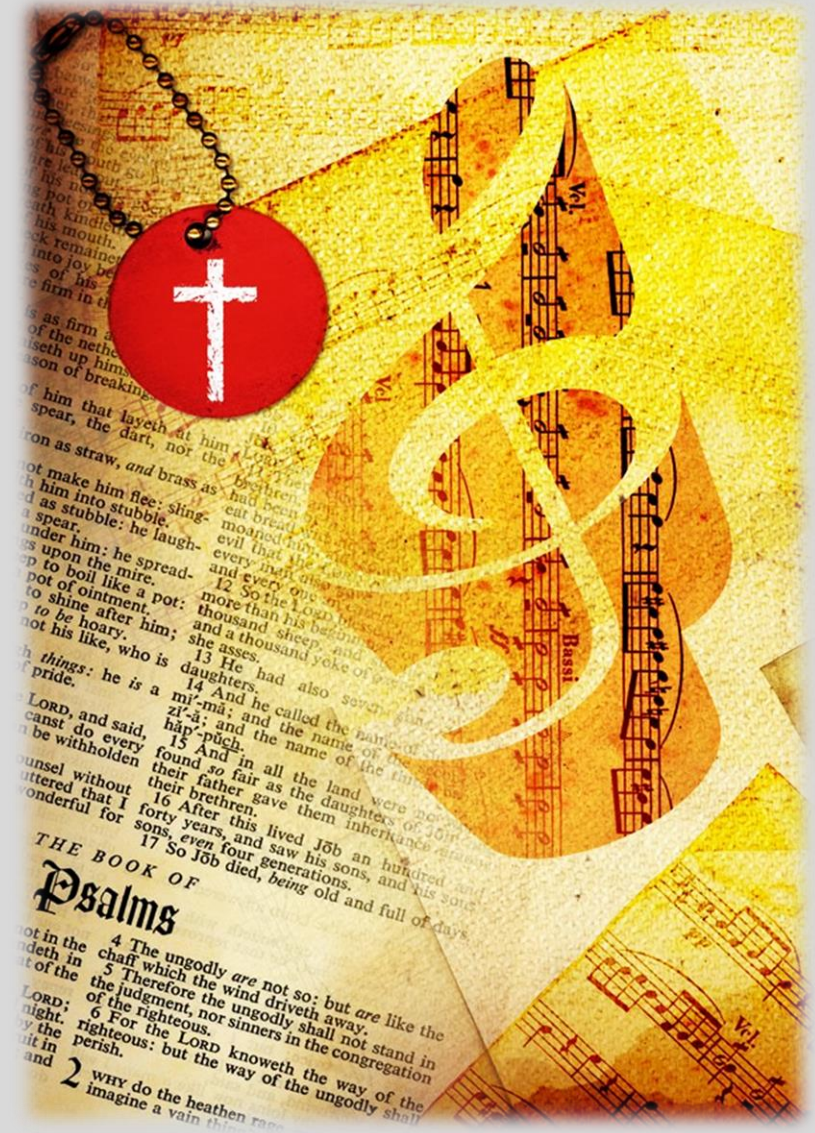
**God's Work  
Our Hands**



**Let all the world  
in ev'ry corner sing  
my God and King!  
The heav'ns are not too high  
his praise may thither fly  
the earth is not too low  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world  
in ev'ry corner sing  
my God and King!**



**Let all the world  
in ev'ry corner sing  
my God and King!  
The Church with psalms must shout  
no door can keep them out.  
But, above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world  
in ev'ry corner sing  
my God and King!**



Christ give you the grace to grow  
in holiness to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross and follow him  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

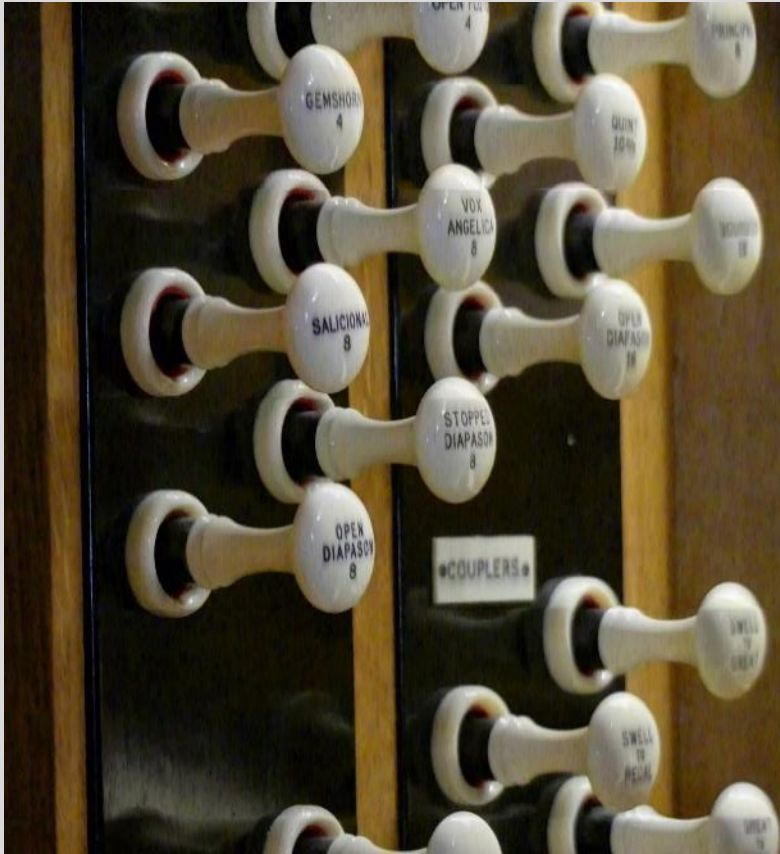






Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.  
Amen**



Christ Church Organ

## Organ Voluntary

‘Trio on Attende, Domine’  
Sarah MacDonald