

# JESUS: THE HOPE OF THE WORLD (Lent)

*A Service of Prayer, Thanksgiving, Worship, Teaching and Renewal*

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of  
Israel:  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Grace, mercy and peace  
From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*We may listen to or join in with some music*

*We sit and spend a moment reflecting quietly on the  
week gone past, on all our concerns and anxiety and  
acknowledging the mistakes we have made. We bring  
to God too our hopes for the week ahead and our  
resolve to serve him and our neighbour as we ought.*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord  
our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.  
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his  
mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from  
our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**that we might live through him.**  
If God loves us so much  
**we ought to love one another.**  
If we love one another  
**God lives in us.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open  
before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We hear one or more readings appointed for the day.*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We listen to, or join in with, some music*

*We hear the Gospel*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Glory to you Oh Lord**

*At the end*

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

A sermon, talk, meditation or reflection may take place at this part of the service

*The sermon is followed by reflective music as we listen to what God is saying to us this day.*

*We join together in the 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.**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect for the day is said.*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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.**

*We may listen, to or join in with, some music*

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
And the blessing God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**O my God, in you I trust.**  
You are the God of my salvation;  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
In you I hope all the day long.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust.**

*When the service is on Zoom, you are invited to join us for "break out coffee groups"*