

**Sunday 22 March 2020**

## **Gathering God's People**

**Lali**

**Introit**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Greeting:**

To the community of Christ  
Scattered through the city:

Grace and peace to you.  
**And also to you.**

**Call to worship:** (Revelation 3:20)

<sup>20</sup> Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me

**Sere:**

**A Prayer of Approach:**

Here in this time of uncertainty,  
We gather in our homes,  
With family, friends or alone.

We know that you are God  
Who is with us

To the end of the age.

We know that you journey  
With us through all the ups and downs of life.

And so we worship you God,  
Our creator, in whose image we are made.

**Amen**

### **An Act of Confession and Trust in God**

Jesus said: Love the Lord your God,  
with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your strength  
and with all your mind'

Jesus said: Love your neighbour  
As yourself.

(Silence)

Forgive us, God of grace, God of mercy

**When we prefer the power of the strong  
And do not show concern for those at risk.**

Forgive us, God of grace, God of mercy

**When we prefer what is not right to what is right:**

Forgive us, God of grace, God of mercy  
**When we have fear of the other  
And forget how you care for us.**

Silence

**Read: Psalm 23**

Silence

**Words of Assurance:** (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus said:

Each of those who hears these my words  
And does them is like the wise person  
who builds their house on rock.

The rain came down, the rivers rose,  
And the winds blew and beat against that house;  
But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Believe the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are loved,  
Forgiven, and set free!

Behold salvation has come to this house.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn; [Mungu ni mwema / Know that God is good \(Congo\)](#)

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| \* - Know that - - | God is good -  
Mun - gu ——— ni mwe- ma ———



**Sere:** 'Amazing grace'. (one of three options)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BS\\_nR1LeTzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BS_nR1LeTzM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG0vH4WYChQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbe7OruLk8I>

**Sermon:** 'I once was blind, but now I see'.

**Sere:**

**Prayers for Others:** (create your own prayers for others)

Lord, in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

**Song:** 'May our lives and prayers be one'.

*May our lives and our prayers be one - by Paul Somerville*

**May our | lives and our prayers be | one — —  
As our | hopes shape the roads we walk | on,  
And when our | work and our dream-ing's | done.  
May our | lives and our prayers be | one.**

\* **Within the rhythm of our days	———
\* **We take the time to muse and pray	———
\* **The fears we face, the tears we taste	———
\* **We view in light of holy grace...	———

*May our lives...*

**We name our deepest hopes and dreams  
For those we love and all in need.  
We picture how the world could be.  
We live the change we want to see.**

*May our lives...*

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Sere:**

**Dismissal and Blessing:**

May the love of God  
Who watches over all our days  
Be with you.

May the peace of Christ  
Who is our companion  
Through life's journey  
Be with you.

May the joy of the Spirit  
Who hovers over the face of creation  
Be with you.  
Now and always,