

## WELCOME

As we draw closer to being able to see each other and worship together again we draw together as one people in many places.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -- *John 14:6*

***Lord Jesus Christ, we come to worship the Father in your name,***

Jesus said: "If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." -- *John 14:7*

***Lord Jesus, may we meet with you in this hour, and know God our Father and your Father.***

God is so much more than Father or Creator, so much more than Son or Redeemer and so much more than Spirit and Giver of life. So to God who is so much more, but in all 'Profound unconditional Love' we come.

Let us bring our worship.

## SONG      **TiS 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2FBmuFN6yo> words and music- please note the video continues but stop after the song.

1. Jesus call us here to meet him  
As through word and song and prayer.  
We affirm God's promised presence  
Where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
Praise the Son who calls us friends,  
Praise the Spirit who, among us,  
To our hopes and fears attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All.  
Sharer of our flesh and frailness  
Saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story,  
Tell his tales that all may hear,  
Tell the world that Christ in glory  
Came to earth to meet us here.
3. Jesus calls us to each other.  
Vastly different though we are.  
Creed and colour, class and gender  
Neither limit nor debar  
Join the hand of friend and stranger,

Join the hand of age and youth,  
Join the faithful and the doubter  
In their common search for truth.

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## **PRAYER**

We come this day to bring our praise and thanksgiving.  
We thank you for the sunshine during the week  
***It reminds us of your light and your smile***

We praise you for the creation- of light and dark  
***Of day and night***

We praise you for your great love for all of us  
***And the whole of creation.***

You are the God of the beginning and the end  
***And the Lord of all that is, seen and unseen***

You are the breath that brings new life  
***And the power of life over death***

And so we praise you, now and always, for who you are  
***And all that you have done.***

And so we come with our prayer of confession.  
We confess O God that even though you call us to love you  
and to love others- we have failed.  
***Forgive us loving God.***

We confess O God that even though you have given us the person of Jesus Christ to show  
us how to live- we too readily go our own way.  
***Forgive us loving God.***

We confess O God that we receive your gifts  
and do not always use them in the way you call us  
***Forgive us loving God.***

And we confess that even though you call us to be one-  
you and the Father are one, we bicker and fail to work together as often as we could.  
***Forgive us loving God.***

So we come before you this day knowing we have failed and seeking your forgiveness.  
***Forgive us O God and renew us that we might be your people, witnessing to  
the love of Jesus for all people, now and forever, Amen.***

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear then the words of Jesus Christ, for God is faithful and just, Your sins are forgiven

*Thanks be to God. Amen.*

## STORY



As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying, and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out. Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying, and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral of the story- People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.

**SONG:      TiS 745 Seek ye first**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsBpM9IcBts> words and music

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia,*  
*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and you shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia,*  
*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

We shall not love by bread alone,  
But by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia,*  
*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

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## **READINGS**

### **1 Peter 3: 13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

### **John 14: 15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you

also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

This is the word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

**SERMON**            ‘A para what?’

**SONG**            **TiS 467 I am the church**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFByL2a42Qc> words and music

*I am the Church,  
you are the Church,  
we are the Church together.  
All who follow Jesus  
all around the world,  
yes, we're the Church together.*

The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is a people.

*I am the church....*

We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colours and all ages, too,  
from all times and places.

*I am the Church, ...*

And when people gather  
There's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying  
Sometimes all of it saying:

*I am the church...*

I count if I am ninety,  
Or nine or just a baby,  
There's one thing I am sure about and  
I don't mean maybe

*I am the church....*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of life,  
you have promised to be with us every day,  
also in difficult days, like in times like these.  
Give us  
clarity in our minds,  
strength in our work and discernment,  
rest as we sleep,  
peace in our minds.  
Be with those  
who need help  
more than we do ourselves  
help us to see what we can offer  
from your love.

And now let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples saying..

***Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread and  
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 forever, Amen.***

## **PASSING PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***And also with you.***

## **OFFERING**

### **SONG      TiS 626 Lord of Creation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLqezg9dWiQ> words and music

1 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty Your working, most wondrous Your ways!  
You glory and power are beyond us to tell;  
And yet in the heart of the humble to dwell.

2 Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.  
Your bondage is freedom, Your service is song;  
and, held in Your keeping, my weakness is strong.

3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear never heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart;  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me whatever betide.

5 Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if I should disown you, I stumble and fall;  
but led in your service your word to obey,  
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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## **BLESSING**

May each day be a day when Christ is at the Centre of where you live,  
move and have your being.

Go from this place to bless others in the ways that you have been blessed, and to be  
witnesses in all you say, think and do in the name of Christ.