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Morning Prayers



Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, our church is a community called to love, honour, worship, and serve God. We invite others to share our Christian journey as we grow in faith and engage in ministry in our town and mission in our world.

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*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4*

## **God's People Gather ... Acknowledgment of Land**

### Call to Worship

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us

**O Lord, make haste to help us**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn:**

#### The Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship

### **Story Time:**

#### Prayer of Approach

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession: During this season of Lent we pray: **Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it. You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. Amen**

#### Words of Assurance:

Hear the Good News of the Gospel. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Your sins are forgiven! **Thanks be to God**

### **To Hear God's Word**

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

The Epistle: Ephesians 5: 9-14

The Gospel: John 9: 1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

## To Respond in Prayer and Action...

### Offertory Hymn:

VU 541

The Doxology

#### Offertory Prayer

God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude,  
**rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

We give these offerings in faith,  
**trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

We give these offerings in hope,  
**knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;  
**May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen**

~a prayer by Joanna Harader

#### Prayers of the People

In our Shared Ministry Church Cycles of prayer, we pray for...

The church

The authorities

The World

The Local Community

Those in need

The departed and those who grieve

God of love hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes neglected,  
unwanted, alone. God of love

**hear our prayer**

God of justice hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;  
persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice

**hear our prayer** God of peace hear the cry of those who yearn for peace;  
in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious

God of peace

**hear our prayer**

God of healing hear the cry of those who yearn for healing;  
physical and spiritual hurting, weakened, depressed

God of healing

**hear our prayer**

God of mercy hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy;  
convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down,

God of mercy

**hear our prayer**

Collect Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your  
Spirit, that as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:**

Benediction

*Threefold Amen*

*Gila'kasla! We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshiping with us today and invite you to join us for lunch and fellowship after the service!*

**Announcements:**

*Mission focus this month is Loonies for Loggers*

*In need of donations for church community cupboard. Contact Rev. Alastair if you are able to donate to make arrangements.*