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Morning Prayers

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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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*Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. Psalm 119.135*

### **The Community Gathers (life and work of the church)**

#### **Acknowledgment of Land**

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us within your creation. **In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen**

**Hymn:** Bless the Lord my Soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life

**One:** The Lord is our refuge and strength: **All: O come let us worship**

**Jubilate:** Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.\* Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.\* Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his name.\* For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age **Amen**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

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| Hebrew Scripture: | Ezekiel 37:1-14 |
| Psalms            | Psalms 130      |

*One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John*

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

*One: The Gospel of Christ* **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Sermon**

#### **Affirmation of Faith –**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

**We believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within and without us. We believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Saviour of the world. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, we can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant life. We believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always calling us to faith, giving us gifts, and empowering us for service. We believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God's Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Offertory Hymn:** Oh Lord hear my prayer, oh Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and Listen to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise, all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise, God the wellspring of life.

VU 542 **We give you but your own...**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

### **Intercessions & Thanksgiving**

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 hope, there are many in our midst and in our community who are hurting.

There are those in our midst and in our community who are suffering from physical ailments. There are those who are suffering from loss of loved ones. There are those who are suffering from mental, spiritual, and emotional distress. There are those who are having marital issues or family problems or loneliness. There are

those who are suffering from financial difficulties or job problems. There are those who are suffering in so many other ways.

The world seems to offer little hope.

The world often offers us more pain and heartache.

Meanwhile, you offer hope. You offer us joy. You have provided us with a multitude of resources. Give us the guidance to use those resources in order to share your hope with those in need. Help us to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes to the naked, and care to the sick and imprisoned so that through the gifts you have provided we may bring your joy to the world. **Amen**

**Collect:** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer** (spoken in our mother tongue)

**Hymn:**

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God x2.

We are walking, we are walking (ohh) we are walking in the light of God x2

Siya humba ku ken yeni kwen kos, siya humba ku ken yeni kwen kos x2

Siya humba, siya humba (ohh) siya humba ku ken yeni kwen kos x2

**Blessing**

**Threefold Amen and Dismissal**

*Gila'kasla...* May God bless you and your loved ones through this time of wilderness

**Announcements:**

*Mission focus this month is Loonies for Loggers*

**Rev. Alastair's Positive Word of the Day:**

**\*\*\*Resolve\*\*\***

***Resolve to be positive in all matters. To resolve is to make a firm decision and adhere to it. Resolve to look at ways this week to deepen your relationship with God.***