

Week Two Daily Worship – Wednesday (3.30pm/7.30pm or a time that suits you)

You might want to listen to a song from one of our playlists

Titles underlined do not need to be said nor *instructions in italics*.

Introduction to worship: Psalm 42:1-7

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, ‘Where is your God?’ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God.

The Psalmist misses being able to meet with God's people and is finding life hard so he reminds himself to put his hope in God and praise him so we will join with Him by saying a thanksgiving prayer.

A prayer of thankfulness

Lord of the universe, we praise You for Your creation; for the wonder of space, the beauty of the world and the blessing of earth's resources: help us to enjoy all You have given us, thanking You and using them for the good of all people and for the glory of Your name. We thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. We love and adore You. Lord Jesus, thank You for sacrificing Your life on the cross for our sins because of You, we can now stand before You as pure, holy, and justified. Jesus, our Bread of Life, we are grateful that You have given us peace with God because of Your obedience and sacrifice there is no longer a void between us and our Heavenly Father. Lord, You were wounded for our transgressions, You were bruised for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon You, and by Your stripes we are healed. Your Name is above all other names, at Your Name every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that You are Lord. Thank You for redeeming us.

Take a moment to thank God for all Jesus has done for us.

We thank You for sending the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. We thank You that the Holy Spirit fills us with love, fruit, gifts, and power. We exalt You, our God and King. We praise Your Name forever and ever. Amen.

Bible Reading:

Please use the blog reading for today

Pause for thought on the Bible Reading (suggest at least 30 seconds)

A place for your prayers (*based on what you have just read*)

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer and a Blessing

Lord God, You have made us one body and one spirit. You have called us to one hope through one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. The differences in our cultures, our backgrounds, our gifts and talents, our personalities, and our experiences enrich us. Even in our current circumstances we need each other in order to live strong for You. Help us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit that You have given us -- to treasure it, to preserve it, to protect it, and promote it. Teach us to love and respect and appreciate all our brothers and sisters in Christ and live with them in peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father God do not let us neglect Your Spirit or the gifts You have given us. Give us courage to use these gifts and the humility to not use them for our own glory, but for You and Your glory and for the good of Your people. Help us see the good work You have ready for us and embrace that work with willingness and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Generous God, we thank You for the power of Your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve You better. We thank You for the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit. We ask You to make us wise to understand Your will. We thank You for the peace of Your Holy Spirit. We ask You to keep us confident of Your love, wherever You call us. We thank You for the healing of Your Holy Spirit. We ask You to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We thank You for the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. We ask You to equip us for the work which You have given us. We thank You for the fruit of Your Holy Spirit. We ask You to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. We thank You for the breath of Your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord. We ask You to keep the church family in the joy of eternal life. Generous God, in Your mercy fill us with Your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve You with joy for ever. Amen.

A time for your own prayers (*as long as you like*) ...

Merciful Father

Accept these and all our prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. Amen.