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## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Let's Sing: Lord, you give the great commission

Welcome, Opening Prayers and Readings (Click this link then follow the service)

Please read the parts in bold, knowing that you are sharing in fellowship and worship with your sisters and brothers, wherever they are.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Christ is risen. [Alleluia.] He is risen indeed. [Alleluia.]

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Matthew 28.19–20

### **Prayer of Preparation**

[Let us pray.] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 1st Reading

### Acts 1.1-11

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many

convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.** 

### Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup> O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
<sup>2</sup> For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.
<sup>3</sup> He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.
<sup>4</sup> He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.
<sup>6</sup> O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.
<sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
<sup>8</sup> God has become the king of the nations:

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
<sup>with</sup> the people of the God of Abraham.
<sup>10</sup> For the mighty ones of the earth are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.

#### Ephesians 1.15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

### Matthew 28.16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

If you have children with you, please enjoy this song: GO!

Let's Sing: The Summons

Sermon: Is it Time?

Let's Sing: O Jesus I have Promised



**CREED AND PRAYERS** (click to continue service)

# THE CREED

Please stand as you are able to affirm together the faith of the Church

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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Lord in your Mercy Hear our prayer

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Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

### Merciful God,

our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

### BLESSING

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen

Let's Sing: Beauty for brokenness

Commented [MW1]:

Please join us for Zoom Morning Tea at 10:30

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