

## THE GREETING

Grace , mercy and peace  
From God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

ALL

**And also with you**

Alleluia. Christ is risen

ALL

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
For the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us open our hearts to God,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

## INTRODUCTION

As our world continues to plan how to move forward out of the pandemic we are reminded that the early followers of Jesus themselves were drawn into complex set of issues, there's no better time to remind ourselves of the work of God's Spirit in the world.

In the storyline of the Bible, God's Spirit is in the business of generating life and order out of dismal and lifeless situations. This usually takes place through Spirit-empowered people who live by God's wisdom and pay attention to the needs of others. And there is no one who more perfectly displayed God's life-giving wisdom than Jesus, who gave his life in a Spirit-led act of love. This is the same Spirit who is leading Jesus' followers to imitate his pattern of servant-love in our world today.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift.

We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love— and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence.

Therefore let us come before God to inwardly confess our faults and admit to our frailty and be confident in God's promise of forgiveness

The response to the prayer is

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit in me.**

(Ps. 51:10)

By desiring instant results to most things these days, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to other than ourselves.

**Create in me ...**

When we persistently make self-centred decisions rather than Christ-centred ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened and our discipleship lacks credibility.

**Create in me a ...**

In this aggressive world, it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control.

**Create in me ...**

## THE ABSOLUTION

The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness

Gracious and merciful God,  
grant us your forgiveness and your love  
so that we may truly care for one another.

**Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit  
so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen**

## THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN

Choir led 'The Spirit lives to set us free

## THE READING

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

## ANTHEM

Choir led 'I will sing with the Spirit'

## THE CREED

**ALL**                    **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
In heaven and in earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
Who lives in our hearts through faith,  
And fills us with his love,  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
Who strengthens us  
With power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, our local community, those seeking wholeness and healing and for those who have died and thank God for his unconditional love.

The prayers are then said.

This response may be used:

**ALL Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

**ALL Merciful Father  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**ALL Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

## THE CONCLUSION

**ALL Rejoice and pray in the Spirit  
Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.  
May the boldness of your Spirit transform us.**

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us.  
May the gifts of your Spirit equip us  
To serve and worship you  
Now and always.

Be with us Lord, as we meet the world.  
May the lips that have sung your praises  
Always speak the truth;  
May the ears which have heard your word  
Listen only to what is good;  
And may our lives, as well as our worship,  
Be pleasing in your sight;  
For the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE FINAL BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, Through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit be amongst now and forever. Amen

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS CHAT AFTER THE SERVICE

