

St Luke's Morning Worship Sunday 24th October 2021 Bible Sunday



Come then with prayer and contemplation
see how in Scripture Christ is known;
wonder anew at such salvation
here in these sacred pages shown;
lift every heart in adoration,
children of God by grace alone!

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Call to worship

We gather as people who know both praise and pain.
**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

We gather with faith, yet burdened by uncertainties.
**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

We gather to sing, to pray, to listen, to learn.
**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

We gather seeking insight for the journey of life.
**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn: God in his wisdom

God in his wisdom, for our learning
gave his inspired and holy word:
promise of Christ, for our discerning,
by which our souls are moved and stirred,
finding our hearts within us burning
when, as of old, his voice is heard.

Symbol and story, song and saying,
life-bearing truths for heart and mind,
God in his sovereign grace displaying
tenderest care for humankind,
Jesus our Lord this love portraying,
open our eyes to seek and find.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Your word convicts us:
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the Good News.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your word assures us:
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and
inwardly digest them that, through patience, and
the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah 55.1-11

Hymn: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Reflection by Mark Reilly

Creed

Let us affirm our faith.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers

The prayers may conclude with
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**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.**

Hymn:

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1745)

Conclusion

Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

We go now in peace, knowing that we have been
born again, not of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living and enduring word
of God; and the blessing of God almighty, The
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you
now and for ever. **Amen**

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.



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