

## OPEN AIR SERVICE, 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Blessed be the Lord God of heaven and earth, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up for us a mighty salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Father is with us.

**Amen.**

The Creator is with you.

**And also with you.**

Jesus is with us.

**Amen.**

The Saviour is with you.

**And also with you.**

The Spirit is with us.

**Amen.**

The Strengthener is with you.

**And also with you.**

God is with us.

**Amen.**

## HYMN 1

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against one  
another in thought word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness, through  
our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died  
for us, forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PSALM 107**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- <sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing  
love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
<sup>9</sup> for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN 2.**

**Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you,  
intelligence to understand you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
vision to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
a life to proclaim you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT:**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **READING**

**Romans 12:9 to end, Matthew 16:21 to end.**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

## HYMN 3.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(You are welcome to say out loud or in the silence of your hearts)*

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

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## HYMN 4

### CONCLUSION

Let us pray together:

**Lord, be with us to guide us,  
within us to strengthen us,  
without us to protect us,  
above us to raise us,**

**beneath us to uphold us,  
behind us to guard us,  
ever about us,  
this day and evermore.  
Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**