

Welcome & Notices

(Use this time to welcome people)

Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

Worship is one of the most awesome things
of which the human mind and spirit are capable,
*God is Spirit, and those who want to worship
must worship in spirit and in truth.*

Your realm, O Christ, endures forever!
Your sceptre is the shepherd's rod of equity.
*My heart overflows with holy melody,
I will praise you with the most sincere words I can find.*

Music/Song *(You can copy, paste & download these songs with Lyrics)*

This Kingdom
<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/558959987/7c3c2b80f7>

Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

It is time to remember the grace by which we are saved, and entrust ourselves, "warts and all," to that saving grace.

Let us pray.

God of the beautiful Christ, we bring to you the story of our lives, some of it written in gold letters but much of it written in grey, and some in the red ink of shame.

Help us to cherish the golden times, and to reinforce our desire to serve you better by remembering those good times with gratitude and pleasure.

Help us to face up to the grey and the red with ruthless honesty,
neither making excuses, nor languishing in guilt
but repenting of our sins and accepting from you the saving grace
which totally forgives even the ugliest of our deeds or words.

O Saviour-Friend, please increase your restoration work in us,
so that more of the loveliness of Christ may shine through our daily-ness.
For your love's sake and to your eternal glory.
Amen!

Forgiveness

Let everyone take heart! Though your sins be as scarlet you shall be washed whiter than snow. If we confess our sins, God can be relied on to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all the ugliness of evil.

Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

The Spirit within me honours the Spirit within you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

Offerings

May these offerings which we now present, be a sign of our gratitude and a sign of our hope for life and the world. *(Adapted from Francis Macnab)*

Prayers for Others *(Take this time to pray for our world, our local community, and individuals)*

Music/Song

Song in My Soul
<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561638359/b2d86a33ff>

Readings for Today

1 Kings 8:10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Ps 84 John 6:56-59

Reflection

Where's the Joy – Rev Eric Drury
<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/586615022/24e0e48adb>

Music/Song

The Power of Your Love
<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561637071/01fb1eb3d0>

Questions related to the Reflection

- When have you experienced God's presence? Has that given you joy?
- What are you willing to do to seek the joy/presence of the Lord?
- How can you continue to grow in the presence of God?

Silence

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

The deep peace of the loving Redeemer

be yours:

The peace of Bethlehem and the shepherds' fields

be yours.

the peace of prodigal sons and good Samaritans,

be yours.

The peace of healed lepers and forgiven enemies,

be yours.

The peace of the rising sun and the empty tomb

be yours.

The deep, deep peace of God's unconditional love

be always yours. Amen.

Go on your way in good spirits, for the best is yet to come.

In the name of the Father, Son and Spirit

Amen!

Music/Song (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or
song here)

The Blessing – Australia

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/587007764/bb8097d186>

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Where's the Joy?
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