

resources for place and space

January 16, 2022 WHO IS GOD FOR US?

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the generous Christ Jesus, I greet you. In the name of the bountiful Creator, we greet you. In the name of the extravagant Spirit, I greet you. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we greet one another.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/PRAYER OF COUNTRY

This is God's Land.

Many people have gone before who have honoured God by caring for the Land, in the ways they have lived and in the stories they have shared. We give thanks for the nations and people, who have held, as sacred, the duty of protecting the Land and living in harmony with it. May God honour and bless them – now and to eternity. Amen

SONG

Little Things with Great Love https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/575172747/faa9db8fc1

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, though most of us come here from comfortable homes, surrounded with many possessions, we still yearn for that holy wealth which nothing can buy. We seek the wealth of your abundant light and love. We need your inflowing Spirit if this time of worship is to rise higher than our shoe laces. Grant us that Spirit we pray, that with rekindled love and awe we may praise and adore you, and so doing, find ourselves wonderfully satisfied

Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Amen!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, repudiating those things that rob us, and those around us, of generosity and joy. Let us pray.



Whenever we have turned our Christianity into dull routines and platitudes, without zest and laughter; *Lord have mercy.*

Whenever we have resented the enthusiasm of the new convert or the excitement of the idealistic person; *Christ have mercy.*

Whenever we have traded the new wine of the Gospel for the old beverage of religious laws, anxiety; and self-belittling; *Lord have mercy.*

O dearest Christ, Brother and Saviour, your super-abundant forgiveness is ready ages before we seek it; your love is enfolding us long before we become aware of it. Fill us, we pray, with the peace that the secular world cannot give us, and with the joy that no doubt, failure or fear can steal from us. *Amen!*

ASSURANCE

Our God does not deal in half measures. Out of God's fullness we have received saving grace heaped upon saving grace. It is Christ who sets us free, therefore we stand free indeed.

Thanks be to God!

SONG Who You are to Me https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/583267818/0b4a5428f7

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of overflowing love. We know your abundance in our lives in every moment. As we dedicate this money here today, we know that it represents only some of the many gifts that you have gifted us with. It is our prayer that this money might be a gift to others in the world. In the name

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

READINGS

John 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10



REFLECTION

Who is God for Us? https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/662496932/d0694d90af

SILENCE

Which of these reminders of who God is for us; is the most meaningful for you?

SONG

They will know we are Christians by our Love https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/637351948/5b2bb8357f

BLESSING

Take the wedding sign out into the world with you today: The sign of the stone jars of cold water that can be turned into new wine, is a sign of hope for the strong and weak, the middle aged, old and young,

- the downcast and the buoyant,
- and for those with largish faith, or very diminutive faith.

By the grace of Messiah Jesus, go out from this place with more than you brought in.

The blessing of. the one generous God, sustaining., liberating and fulfilling all things, will be with you now and always. *Amen!*

BLESSING SONG

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/660819494/05757456a9

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