



23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022

## DEFINING THE MISSION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord Jesus be with you all.  
*And also with you.*

It's time for the news. Here are the headlines:

Good news for the poor.

*Release for captives.*

New sight for the blind.

*Liberty for the oppressed.*

The declaration of God's accepting love.

*And happy are they who receive it!*

### PRAYER

God our Holy Friend, you are the giver of good news and high expectations. Please bless us as we come before you. Our thoughts need to be freed from self-obsession and our crowded feelings need to make room for wonder and love. Give our spirits a glimpse of your glory, that we may be lifted from the mundane to the beauty of holiness. Through Messiah Jesus our brother and Saviour.

***Amen!***

### SONG

All things bright and beautiful

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/596329953/71d4c307de>


### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Who are able to discern all their own errors?  
Clear me, loving God, from hidden faults."

Let us make our confession. Let us pray in sincerity and truth.

Spirit of Christ Jesus, into the poverty of our minds and the coldness of our hearts, come with your wisdom and penetrating mercy.

*Create in us clean hearts, loving God, and renew the true spirit within us.*



Spirit of Christ Jesus, cut through those tight cords that have bound us to recurring sins and disabling anxieties.

*Create in us clean hearts, loving God, and renew the true spirit within us.*

Spirit of Christ Jesus, open our eyes to the painful truths from which we have been hiding, and enable us to recognise your costly grace.

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### **ASSURANCE**

Lord Jesus, you are the true joy waiting to assuage human restlessness and desire, we thank you that we are forgiven to a depth we cannot see, and renewed for a future which as yet we only dimly comprehend. You are indeed our Saviour and Lord.

*Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!*

**Amen!**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)*

### **SONG**

River of Life

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/660820815/28351d23e3>

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God, the Psalmist sings out praise after praise.

The whole earth sings out praise continually and joyfully.

We join that chorus today with our lives, with our time,  
with our resources and with our thanks for your generous love. Amen.

### **READINGS**

Luke 4:14-21

1 Cor 12: 12-31a

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

### **REFLECTION**

Defining the Mission

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/665855724/4d35ab963c>

### **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.



## SONG

Rushing Wind

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561638507/b4d80802fe>

## BLESSING

Go out into the world with rekindled confidence and peace: Sometimes it is tough out there, other times it seems 'a breeze.' Give thanks to God in the hard times as well as in the easy days. There is nothing that can happen which falls outside the realm of the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

***Amen!***

*We offer the best we know of ourselves to the best we know of Christ Jesus.*

The blessing of the creating, liberating and indwelling God be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

***Amen!***

## SONG

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/666375222/a4e1c4350d>