



27th<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 Epiphany 8

## HYPOCRITES & GOOD TREES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God is always true and dependable,  
the rock where nothing flawed exists.

*It is good to be able to give thanks to our God,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

### PRAYER

Loving God,  
you are the Source and the Soul of the universe  
and the nurturing Secret of every loving heart.

Together as a congregation we come to you,  
some of us have gathered eagerly,  
some have come dutifully,  
some have prepared most prayerfully,  
and some have arrived in a late rush.

But we are here, and glad that we are.

So that this hour of opportunity may not be squandered,  
we earnestly pray for the blessed spur of your Holy Spirit,  
so that eagerness may be shaped by love,  
duty may be become enlivened with delight,  
prayers may be tintured with unselfish love,  
and that rushed souls may find the core of your peace.

Then may we worship not to suit our own inclinations,  
but as your majestic love and beauty deserve.

Through Christ Jesus, who our host on this Lord's Day.  
**Amen!**

### PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

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. (2017 A. Koh-Butler)

### **SONG**

What a friend

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/671393216/b839806789>

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we are all sinners, needing grace to cover our sins and amend our lives.

We bow before you seeking forgiveness, and for cleansing from the soot and souring of evil.

We also humbly ask for whatever painful therapy is needed to get us in better spiritual shape,

Holy God, awesome Friend of sinners,  
please interfere in our daily lives.  
Please interfere as much as is good for us.

Make us hungry for whatever you deem most valuable,  
to strive for this with undivided tenacity,  
to show particular love to whoever you want us to love,  
and to cherish those pleasures which delight you most.

With every milligram of the free will you have given us,  
we choose to ask you:  
Please don't allow us to screw up;  
make us yours today and forever.

Through the grace of Christ Jesus our Saviour.  
**Amen!**


### **ASSURANCE**

Friends, God is not about to give up on us.

The forgiveness of Christ is real and lasting.

As far as the east is from the west, so far and more has he removed the burden of our transgressions from us.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



*And also with you.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

### **SONG**

Power of your love

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561637071/01fb1eb3d0>

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

### **READINGS**

Luke 6:27-38

### **REFLECTION**

Hypocrites and Good Trees

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/679064071/579d4f1023>

### **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**

Great is your faithfulness

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/668485433/180359aead>

### **BLESSING**

May the love of God surround you in your lying down and your rising up.  
May the grace of Christ support you in your going out and your coming in.  
May the Holy Spirit enfold you in that blessed fellowship which transcends  
this life and its mortality.

***Amen!***

Go on your way giving thanks that you will never travel alone.

***Amen!***

### **SONG**

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

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

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