



13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 Lent 2

## WHAT IS AN EVANGELICAL?

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The encompassing grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
*And also with you.*

God is our light and our healing, what reason is there to be anxious?  
God is our rock-solid Friend, of whom then need we be afraid?  
*We will offer in God's Presence, the sacrifice of joy!*  
*We will sing our best melodies to our God!*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, you have asked us to seek your face. We come together gladly to seek your face. You are the goal of our living and the source of our loving, the Holy Friend whose glory exceeds our understanding. Because of your invitation, we worship you without fear, we praise you with thankful lips, we adore you with loving hearts. Through Christ Jesus, your Son and our Brother.  
***Amen!***

### PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

In this place, many people have gone before us  
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

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/682079674/9900b671d8>

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our failures, and renounce our sins.

**Let us pray.**

Please hear us, loving God, when we cry to you, be gracious to us and answer our prayer.

If we have slid away from new opportunities, or failed to give our best effort to long familiar duties, forgive us and restore us merciful Friend.

*Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?*

If we have become weary, and slipped into mirroring the prejudices and dissatisfactions of a greedy and unjust world, forgive us and heal us merciful Friend.

*Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?*

If we have performed well in public, smoothly keeping up appearances, while our personal faith has grown shabby and weak, forgive us and rehabilitate us, merciful Friend.

*Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?*

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and allow your heart to take courage.

*Wait; yes my soul, wait on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ..*

Loving God, you are not impatient and tight fisted like us, your generosity flows freely to all your creatures. We praise you that our sins are forgiven, and that the future has again become an open door.

*Thanks be to you, God of grace and glory!*

*Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.*

**Amen!**

## ASSURANCE

The Scripture says: "No one who believes in God shall be put to shame. For every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, I assure all who repent of their sins, that your guilt is annulled and your freedom is granted.

*Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## SONG

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

## 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 13:31-35

Phil. 3: 17 to 4:1

Genesis 15:1-12 & 17-18

Psalm 27

## REFLECTION

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/684890512/9b09f740a9>

## SONG

How Great Thou Art

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/625058316/c3d3d79251>

## BLESSING

Take heart!

You may sometimes get it wrong, you may sometimes do it poorly,  
but doing the will Christ remains your calling and your greatest happiness.

Go your way optimistically, discipline your lives cheerfully  
and know that it is better to try for the heights and not quite get there,  
than to amble along smooth paths that go nowhere.

*The love of Christ Jesus encourages us.*

The everlasting peace of the Creator, the saving peace of the Saviour,  
and the invigorating peace of the Inspirer, be with you now and always.

**Amen!**

## SONG

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

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