

Ordinary Time Home Act of Worship Sunday Morning

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
To the rising of this life itself, blessed be your name.

Along unfamiliar paths I will guide them. (Isaiah 42:16)

Hymn

***Source of all living we bring our praises
For all the giving over the years.
Holding the crying mending the broken
Facing the dying with truth and tears.***

***Guide of our caring, give us the wisdom
We need for sharing, knowledge and skill.
In all our learning, searching and struggling;
Keep us discerning your loving will.***

***Goal of our being, fill us with wonder
At gifts of healing in life and death.
Show us the glory of faith and courage
In human story, in every breath.***
(Tune: Morning Has Broken – words by Jan Berry)

Confession

O God of Life
Eternity cannot hold you,
Nor can our little words catch
The magnificence of your kindness.
Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence
You can come close and repair us.

Silence

O Loving Christ
Hanged on a tree
Yet risen in the morning,
Scatter the sin from our souls
As the mist from the hills;
Begin what we do,
Inform what we say,
Redeem who we are.
**In you we place our hope,
Our great hope, our living hope,
This day and evermore.
Amen.**

Today's Readings ... followed by a time of reflection/conversation

Response

When we bruise like a reed in the wind,

Jesu tend us.

When we wane like a flickering lamp,

Jesu shield us.

When we lose courage and walk without hope,

Jesu cheer us.

Prayers

Lord, teach us the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith.

Lord teach us to silence our own hearts and minds that we may listen to the movement of your Holy Spirit, and feel your presence in the depths of our being ... let us keep silence before God, and through our minds and imaginations offer prayers which words might not contain.

Let us pray ...

Prayers of thanksgiving for our daily food and security of home, for family friend and neighbour.

Prayers of wisdom and courage: for all our politicians and those making decisions, local and national government that the needs of the poor may be considered.

Prayers for new insights and scientific discovery: for a better understanding of Covid 19, for movement towards a vaccine and for good science to guide our safety and recovery.

Prayers for church and community: that we may find new pathways of hope and integrity.

Prayers for those who are in need: we quietly name before God those we know who are suffering at this time, seeking God's kindness and mercy.

We hold a silence that God may speak wisdom to us ...

In our time and in your time,

God fulfil our prayers

And let your kingdom come.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and endings

We ask for the love of God

And the message of angels

The laughter of Jesus

And the stories of the saints

The power of the spirit

And the strong hands of friends

To bless us on life's journey

And lead us safely home.

Amen.