

Christ Church Morning Worship - 8th October 2023

Greeting and Welcome

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

Hymn: Amazing Grace

Flames Sunday School: We pray for the children and leaders who go to FLAMES

Opening Prayer

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7.

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

We say sorry to God and to one another

"The Lord looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress" (*Isaiah 5:7*)

We keep a short time of silence

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where death has no dominion.
Amen.

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus

Collect Prayer

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Song: This is the air I breathe and The Splendour of the King
chorus

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-end

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Talk

Song: Be now my vision

Our belief

Let us declare our faith in God:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers *concluding with the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

News from Flames and Notices

Closing Hymn: We stand and lift up our hands

Closing prayer

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, and open our hearts to your voice, that we may serve you with reverence and joy; for your Kingdom and your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord; Thanks be to God.