Morning Worship with Story Time - Sunday 10 August 2025

As we come to worship we sing

FATHER GOD, fill this place With Your love, with Your grace. As we call on Your name, Visit us in power again.

Lord, we worship You. Lord, we worship You. (Repeat)

Spirit come with Your peace; Heal our wounds, bring release. Lord we long for Your touch, Fill our hearts with Your love.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

God of grace,

You have made our minds, so help us to know you.

You have made our hearts, so help us to love you.

You have made our voices, so help us to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so together we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

We sing

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

We say sorry

Remembering that sin damages our relationships, let us bring our lives into the pure light of God that he may cleanse us.

If we walk in the light, as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John1:7)

Gracious God, we pretend to be good when we are not....

How quick we are to find fault in others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Merciful Lord, we often turn our backs on those who need us....

How slow we are to do good.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Holy God, we often place our needs and desires above everything else....

How reluctant we are to seek your will.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A moment for personal reflection

Lord, You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him. Thanks be to God!

We sing

I BELIEVE IN JESUS:

I believe He is the Son of God. I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all.

(Men) And I believe He's here now,
(Women) I believe that He is here,
(All) Standing in our midst.
(Men) Here with the power to heal now,
(Women) With the power to heal,
(All) And the grace to forgive.

I believe in You, Lord; I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all.

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Story Time: Acts 10

Setting the scene

Reading Acts 10:1-23a

Reflection and response

Song

TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE,

To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me,
And makes me complete.

This is my desire, O Lord, This is my desire. This is my desire, O Lord, This is my desire.

To rest in Your presence, Not rushing away; To cherish each moment, Here I would stay.

Reading Acts 10: 23b-48

Reflection and response

We sing

WHEN I FEEL THE TOUCH

Of Your hand upon my life, It causes me to sing a song That I love You, Lord. So from deep within My spirit singeth unto Thee, You are my King, You are my God, And I love You, Lord.

We affirm our faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers, ending 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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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. We welcome back our young people

Spotlight on our Church Family

We sing

BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word, Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord; Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might; Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower: O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise: Be Thou mine inheritance now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

We are sent out

For your goodness and generosity in giving us all we need, help us to praise you O God.

In every circumstance of life, in good times and bad,

help us to trust you, O God.

In love and faithfulness, with all that we have and all that we are, help us to serve you, O God.

As we speak or write or listen to those nearby or far away, help us to share your love, O God.

In our plans and work for ourselves and for others,

help us to glorify you, O God.

In every thought and word and deed, by the power of your Holy Spirit, this week, may we live for you, O God.

And the blessing.....



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