

## We stand on holy ground

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise his presence with us.

*Silence is kept*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**  
Breathe on us, breath of God  
**fill us with your saving power.**  
Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**



**Reading:** Exodus 3: 1-5 The Message

<sup>1-2</sup> Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. The angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up. <sup>3</sup> Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?" <sup>4</sup> God saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He said, "Yes? I'm right here!" <sup>5</sup> God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground."

**Reflection** *(if you're praying on your own at home you might like to think about where you've seen signs of God at work this week, and listen to some music or sing Be still for the presence of the Lord).*

**Prayer of Confession** *(we say sorry for the ways we have turned away from God)*

*We use the following response*

Lord, have mercy  
**All: Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy  
**All: Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
**All: Lord, have mercy**

## **Absolution** *(Hear God's words of forgiveness)*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him wherever we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers** *(we take some time for quiet prayer)*

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Peace** *(We share the peace from where we are using sign language or drawing a heart on our hand)*

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and ever more. Amen.**

To a troubled world	<b>peace from Christ.</b>
To a searching world	<b>love from Christ.</b>
To a waiting world	<b>hope from Christ.</b>

**As we are scattered Jesus comes too, one with each other Jesus comes too.  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood, part of the body, the church of God.  
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