

# A Service for the Morning



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### *Gathering and Welcome .*

#### *Call to worship*

*Leader* In the beginning  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,

**All: GOD WAS.**

*Leader.* Here and now, among us,  
beside us, enlisting the people of earth  
for the purposes of heaven,

**All: GOD IS.**

*Leader* In the future,  
when we have turned to dust,  
and all we know has found fulfilment,  
**GOD WILL BE.**

*Leader* Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**GOD WAS,**

**All: GOD IS,  
GOD WILL BE.**

#### *Prayer:*

*Leader:* Let us pray,  
In you, Gracious God,  
the widowed find a carer,  
the orphaned find a parent,  
the fearful find a friend.

In you,  
the wounded find a healer,  
the penitent find a pardoner,  
the burdened find a counsellor.

In you,  
the miserly find a beggar,  
the despondent find a laughter-maker,  
the legalist find a rule-breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ,  
we meet our Maker, and our match.

And if some need to say, 'Help me',  
and if some need to say, 'Save me',  
and if some need to say, 'Forgive me',  
then let these be said now in confidence by us,

*(Silence)*

O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning  
say to us,  
do to us,  
reveal within us,  
the things that will make us whole.

And we will wait,  
and we will praise you,  
**Amen**

### ***Word of God***

*Reader:* Hear the word of God.

**All: OUR EARS ARE OPEN**

*Reader:* A reading from.....

*Reader:* This is the word/Gospel of our Lord.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### ***Address***

## ***Prayers for the people.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the breaking in of God's kingdom in our world today.

Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things, we hold to his word and share his plea.

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE.**

*Leader:* Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, 'Put up your sword,':

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where countries waste food and covet fashion, while Christ says, 'I was hungry... I was thirsty...' :

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where Christians seek your kingdom in the shape of their own church, as if Christ had come to build and not to break barriers:

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where women who speak up for their dignity are treated with scorn or contempt :

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where men try hard to be tough, because they are afraid to be tender:

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where we are obsessed with being adult,  
forget to become like children :

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light  
grows dim:

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Where Jesus Christ calls us:

**All: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE**

*Leader:* Lord God,  
you have declared that your kingdom is among us.  
Open our ears to hear it;  
our hands to serve it,  
our hearts to hold it.  
This we pray in Jesus name.  
**Amen**

*Leader:* Father, we bring all our prayer together in the prayer you taught us

**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.  
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.**

### *Closing responses*

*Leader:* For all than God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD**

*Leader:* For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in Christ beside us,

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD**

*Leader:* For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Sprit wants to send us,

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD**

*Leader:* Listen, Christ has promised to be with us,  
in the world as in our worship.

**AMEN. WE GO TO SERVE HIM**



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