

## Daytime Liturgy - A Wee Worship Book

### Opening Responses

*Leader:* The world belongs to the lord,  
*ALL:* THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.  
*Leader:* How good and lovely it is  
*ALL:* TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.  
*Leader:* Love and faith come together,  
*ALL:* JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS.  
*Leader:* If the Lord's disciples keep silent,  
*ALL:* THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.  
*Leader:* Lord, open our lips  
*ALL:* AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

### Prayer of confession

*Leader:* Holy God, Maker of all,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Holy Spirit, breath of life,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Turn again, O Lord, and give us life  
*ALL:* THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU.  
*Leader:* Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
*ALL:* AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
*Leader:* Give us again the joy of your help  
*ALL:* WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM SUSTAIN US.

*Leader:* And now, as Jesus taught us, we say,  
*ALL:* *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.*  
*SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL*  
*AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL,*  
*FOR THE KINGDOM,*  
*THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS,*  
*NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.*

## Word of God

*Leader:* Let us listen for the Word of the Lord

*ALL:* OUR EARS ARE OPEN.

### **Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

*Leader:* *Thanks be to God.*

*ALL:* AMEN.

## Prayer of concern

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who hunger in this land:  
Whose only kitchen is a soup kitchen,  
Whose only food is what others don't want,  
Whose diet depends on luck, not on planning

*(Pause)*

Lord, feed your people.  
Using our skills and conscience,  
And eradicate from our politics and private lives  
The apathy to hunger which comes from over-eating.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the hungry in other lands,  
Where economies, burdened by debt,  
Cannot respond to human need:  
Or where fields are farmed for our benefit  
By low-waged workers courted for starvation.

*(Pause)*

Lord, feed your people,  
Even if rulers must cancel debt,  
And shareholders lose profit,  
Or diners restrict their choice  
In order that all may be nourished.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the hungry for justice,  
Who document inequalities,  
Demonstrate against tyranny.  
Distinguish between need and greed,  
And are sometimes mis represented or persecuted in the process.

*(Pause)*

May their labour not be in vain  
And may we be counted in their number.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

## **Closing responses**

*Leader:* For all that 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 whom Christ lives beside us,  
*ALL:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Leader:* For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
For where the Spirit 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.  
*ALL:* AMEN.  
WE GO TO SERVE HIM.