

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Opening

The world belongs to God,

The earth and all its people

Love and faith come together,

Justice and peace join hands

If Christ's disciples keep silent,

These stones would shout aloud

Open our lips, O God,

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise

God make our hearts clean,

restore us in body, mind and spirit.

Our place in the world

Creating God, Maker of all: **be with us this day**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor: **be with us this day**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life: **be with us this day**

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Amen

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All: Amen

Psalm

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end.

Amen

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ...

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Sharing: what spoke to you in today's readings?

Response of Faith

With the whole church

**we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation

**we celebrate
the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Merciful and loving Father, you despise nothing you have made, indeed we are your beloved children and you delight in us. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, acknowledging our brokenness, may receive from you perfect remission and forgiveness. Confident in your steadfast love we bring before you the prayers of your people.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.

God, in whose heart is love and justice,
show us this day whom we must love
and what we should challenge or change

in order that your will for the earth might be done.

**Increase our hope, dispel our apathy;
inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment
until we become the signs of your kingdom
for which we and others pray.
Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour
taught us,

**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 for ever.
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.