



CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 106:1)

LEADER: How good it is to give thanks to God.

PEOPLE: **How great are God's works!**

LEADER: It is good to give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

ALL: **Let us, then, give thanks to God.**

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

CONFESSION

From Common Worship

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT

Ever-present God, you are always inviting us to join in with what you are doing.

Strengthen your Church to serve you.

Give us the grace to meet human need through loving service, and to help build communities of hope and resilience.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unit of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

Loving God, we pray for your Church, that our eyes and hearts may be open to see what you are going in the world and that we may have the courage, strength and grace to join in with that work.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for your world. We give thanks for the abundance of your gifts in the harvest. We pray for farmers and agricultural workers and all who are involved in food production. We pray for those areas of this country and around the world where the harvest has not been so good – touch the hearts of those who have more than is needed that we may be wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of participation, we pray for those in our community who are struggling with money issues, who do not have enough to eat, who are risking debt and are anxious about the times to come. Inspire us to seek to work, as people of hope, to meet human need through our acts of loving service.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes and all who are known to us. We pray for all who care for them. Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection. We remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of many gifts, we offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us, we may recognise the gifts you have given us and that others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you are ever at work in this community, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

From Common Worship

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER PREFACE

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, for you have given us Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer.

He always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners, and He became a neighbour to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed He announced to the world that you are our father and that you care for all your sons and daughters.

Through Him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and saying: