

Closing Hymn or Chorus:

Christ, Be Our Light
(Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Chorus: *Christ, be our light!*
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Chorus: *Christ, be our light!*
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Chorus: *Christ, be our light!*
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.
Repeat Chorus.....



A MORNING PRAYER FOR PARENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction and Praise

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen

We gather as children of God and especially as Parents to offer God our Father all praise and thanks. We thank God for protecting us and keeping our children safe and giving parents patience and courage to be able to come to him and ask for forgiveness of our sins and to seek his peace and grace, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Chorus: Come.... Now is the time to worship,
Come.... Now is the time to guild your heart.
Come.... Just as you are to worship
Come...just as you are before your God... come
One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose
you now....

Come.... Now is the time to worship
Come.... Now is the time to give your heart.
Come.... Just as you are to worship
Come...just as you are before your God... come
One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose
you now....

Come.... Now is the time to worship
Come.... Now is the time to worship
Come...just as you are before your God... come
One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow...
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose
you now... Come, Come (shortened)

Penitence

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

All: Almighty God our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought word and deed and in what we have left undone, for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior we ask that you will save the world from the scourge of the Covid 19 pandemic, thank you for keeping those in the forefront of this pandemic, doctors and nurses safe and we pray for those who may have been infected and affected by the virus. Pray for the souls of the thousands who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on us help us as parents to be examples to our families protect us in our weakness and strengthen us to be the pillars of strengths for our families during this time of unsurety and fearfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Word of God

The Psalm(s) : 95: 1-8; 96:1-5

First Lesson : Isaiah 58: 1-9

The song of Zechariah : Blessed be the Lord the God of our spiritual ancestors:

the holy one who has come to us and set us free.

Who has raised up for us a mighty saviour:

born of the house and mixed lineage of David.

Through holy prophets, God has promised of old:

that we would be saved from our enemies

from the hands of all that hate us.

God promised to show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember God's holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship God without fear: holy and righteous in God's sight all the days of our life.

Imagine Zechariah saying this to you and about you:

You my child shall be called a prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare God's way.

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by being merciful and forgiving. In God's tender compassion:

you will awaken like the dawn.

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

to be a guide into the ways of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.

Amen

Second Lesson : Romans 8: 31-39

The Song of the Church: APB pg 47 & 48

The Apostles' Creed : Page 48, Paragraph 22

The Lord's Prayer :

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.

Prayers

Lord God, please grant to me, to those I love,

and to those I find hard to love, your blessing;

to your Church, holiness

to the world, peace

to this nation, justice

and to all people knowledge of your ways of love.

Keep safe all families, now more than ever,

protect the weak, heal the sick, we ask that you will save the world from the

scourge of the Covid 19 pandemic, thank you for keeping those in the forefront

of this pandemic, doctors and nurses safe and we pray for those who may

have been infected and affected by the virus. Pray for the souls of the

thousands who have died

strengthen those in healthcare and research;

comfort the dying and bring us all to a joyful resurrection.

I ask these things through Jesus Christ

Our teacher and friend.

Amen.

Silence may be kept

COLLECT:

Be our light during this dark times, O Lord, and in your great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers especially during this pandemic;

for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Mag die Here ons seën en oor ons waak.

Mag die Here Sy aangesig oor ons laat skyn

En ons genadig wees.

Mag die Here ons met welbehae aansien

En vir ons vrede gee.

Blessing