

### ***Song before Service***

My soul will sing

### ***Welcome and Opening Prayer***

#### ***Introduction to Worship***

Today's reading is about Jacob, the grandson of Abraham who is fleeing for his life from his brother Esau who he has tricked out of his father Isaac's blessing. As he stopped for the night to sleep, Jacob had a dream in which the Lord God spoke to him and renewed the promise he had made with Abraham and Isaac to give him and his descendants the land where he was lying, and that through him all people on earth would be blessed. And Jacob recognised that the Lord was in that place and called it Bethel, the house of God.

#### ***Worship in Song***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of  
my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

### ***Confession***

As we think of Jacob, after cheating his brother Esau and then fleeing in fear from him, let us confess our sins:

**Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbour and have often wronged them and do not always try to bring about reconciliation with them. But we know that nothing is impossible in you. So we come to you, seeking forgiveness. Help us to live in peace with others, and to seek to restore our broken relationships. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ***God's Assurance of Forgiveness***

There is no place you can go where God cannot find you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God who is faithful and will always keep his promises to us. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. **Amen.**

#### ***Introduction to Bible Reading***

##### ***Bible Reading***

Genesis 28:10-22 (Church Bible page 22)

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### ***Prayer for Today***

Most Holy God, your promises are eternal. We gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love you have shown your people and the many blessings you have given to us. We thank you for your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal yourself to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us. Open our ears to hear your word. For surely, you are with us in this place. **Amen.**

## *Sermon*

### *Worship in Song*

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

### *An Affirmation of Faith*

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

**We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, and set us apart for himself a people eager to do good.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our saviour so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

## *Prayers*

*At the end:* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### *The Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### *Offertory Prayer*

**Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in

whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in words of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**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. And 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.**

### *Breaking of the Bread*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### *Giving of Communion*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We receive communion*

### *Song during Communion*

There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

Thank you, O my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
In that holy place.

### *Song during Communion*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole.  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding-place,  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,  
My prophet, priest, and king;  
My lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.

### *Prayer after Communion*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Worship in Song*

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me  
I will rejoice with every day He gives  
I will recall the wonders He has shown to me  
His power to heal His mercy to forgive  
We join with angels to sing His praises  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth  
Is Your unfailing love is Your unfailing love  
Far as the east is banished from the west  
You took our sins from us  
removed our sins from us  
How wide how high is Your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak  
Their deepest needs He loves to satisfy  
Throughout the earth  
His justice and His mercy speak  
And He will run to meet the victim's cry  
From everlasting to everlasting  
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity  
As flowers bloom today and then are gone  
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity  
His patience smiles on all who turn to Him  
From generation to generation  
We'll tell the story of His faithfulness

### *Blessing*

As we go from here, hear again the promises of God, made long ago to Jacob, and still true for us today: 'I am the Lord your God, the God of Abraham and Isaac. Know that I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised.' So let us go from here in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us. And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### *Music as we leave*

We love the place O God