





**9.45am** Zoom starts admitting people

*As we gather we will play*

**Song:** [Blessed be the name of the Lord](#)

**10.00am Welcome and introduction**

The Lord is Here

**His Spirit is with us**

- *As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.*
- *A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

**Opening prayer**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Confession**

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,  
**All he will deliver us from our distress.**  
God will bring us out of darkness



**All and out of the shadow of death.**

Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**All Amen.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his goodness,

**All and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let us offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving

**All and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

cf Psalm 107

**All Amen.**

**The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

Heavenly Lord,

You long for the world's salvation:

Stir us from apathy,

Restrain us from excess

And revive in us new hope

That all creation will one day be healed

In Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**



## **Old Testament Reading**

### **Psalm 90**

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

12 So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.





16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**silence**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

## **Matthew 25:14-30**

### *The Parable of the Talents*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some





for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### ***At the end***

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk** by *Paul Bartle*

Song: [Take this moment, time and space](#)

### **Declaration of Faith**

Christ has died

**Christ has died**

Christ has risen

**Christ has risen**

Christ will come again

**Christ will come again**

I believe, Alleluia!

**I believe, Alleluia!**

### **Prayers**

### **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 risen Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!*

### **The Blessing**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
And of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Notices**

### **The Dismissal**

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

Song: [Cornerstone](#)