

## SERVICE SHEET FOR 11TH July 2021.

### CALL TO WORSHIP.

#### Psalm 150 – New International Version

- 1 Praise the Lord.  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.
- 2 Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,
- 4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,
- 5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

#### HYMN:- StF 25. God is here! As we his people.

- 1 God is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

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#### PRAYERS.

God of all blessings, source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with  
wonder,  
for the expanse of space that draws us beyond  
the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work, who share our burdens  
and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with  
delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for  
justice and peace,  
for neighbours and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your  
presence,

for your promise: to be with us,  
to be our God,  
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.  
Our hearts are hard, O God –  
Softening them with your love.  
Our hands are clenched, O God –  
Open them with your grace.  
Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –  
Invite us to dance with you.  
Our lives are not our own, we know –  
Let us live and move and have our being in you, O  
God.  
Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer.

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do  
not lead to life,  
that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,  
paths that lead to dread and death.  
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,  
life that is abundant and eternal,  
life that began at the creation of all things.  
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,  
and let your love and grace flow over us and the  
world.  
We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:- Romans 8:18-27.**

**SERMON.**

**HYMN:- StF 479. The King of love my Shepherd  
is.**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever
- 2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,

and home rejoicing brought me

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.**

God of seed, God of soil, God of water and all of  
creation,  
you provide us with all the essential elements.  
May we recognize  
it is our part and our choice to be open to the  
nourishment and  
nurturing that you offer. Grant us the openness  
to be guided by your spirit and  
to bear abundantly the seeds of potential planted  
within us. Just as the sower  
bears fruit, we too are encouraged to sow, so  
that those who hear the word  
can be planted and built up in the one Lord and  
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Eternal God, Light of the nations, in Christ you  
make all things new: guide our nation in the  
coming days through the inspiration of your  
Spirit, that understanding may put an end to  
discord and bitterness.

Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust that  
together we may work for the dignity and  
flourishing of all people through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

We pray for political leaders and for all those  
who are working to shape our society. Let  
them be guided by the example of Jesus  
putting understanding and compassion ahead

of self-interest and material gain and working for a better world.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God we pray for the young people in our families and communities. May they grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. Give them courage and resilience as they face changes in their lives and help them to see opportunities in all the challenges that stretch out before them. We pray that their elders will remember the vitality and enthusiasm of youth and put away cynicism and inertia as they support those less experienced than they.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are sick; your strength to be felt by those who are tired; your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live with despair and fear. We think of the people we know who are suffering in mind or body and offer our personal prayers for them.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Mighty God, through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ, you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. An everlasting light which shines in the darkness and brings hope. We light a candle as a symbol of that light as we remember before God those who have died, remembering especially.

In your light shall they see light.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Almighty God may your presence be seen clearly in everything we do and say each day throughout the coming week. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in us and through us as we follow where you lead us.

**HYMN:- StF 106. God, whose almighty word.**

1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,

and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

2 Christ, you have come to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O to all humankind  
let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

4 Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

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