

*We sing or say the hymn*

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
From despair your word release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
We may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness,  
Fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind:  
That, by our response and service,  
Earth its destiny may find.

### **Blessing**

May God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love.  
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

Let us continue to live in Christ's hope and peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester** *in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral*

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### **Opening Greeting**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship God together.**

*We sing or say*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.



Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

### **We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness**

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love call you back, forgive you your sins, and assure you of  
eternal love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer for Today**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small  
as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible reading:** Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – end

### **Reflection (attached)**

### **We Declare our Faith**

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.

*1 Corinthians 15:3-7*

### **Intercessions**

Jesus, light of the world, fill the world this day with your love, your hope and  
your peace. Let us pray for.....

*We name before God those people and situations we wish to pray for ending  
with **The Lord's Prayer.***

### **A Prayer in Lockdown**

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our  
distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our  
darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is  
unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost  
inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world.  
For Jesus' sake. Amen.

### **A Prayer for our Churches**

Holy God, as we open our doors and welcome in those who will come may  
we recognise you among them. As we make our churches safe to enter and  
care for those who come may we recognise you as our strong defender. As  
we say our prayers and light our candles may we recognise you in the midst.  
As we live our life may we recognise you as our life today, tomorrow and  
always. Amen.

### **The Peace**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so  
that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.