

Acclamation

Mountains and rivers, islands and oceans

Give God glory.

Children and adults, rulers and nations

Give God glory.

All who live, all who breathe

Give God glory.

Exciting God, glorious God

Baptise us with wonder.

Wise God, righteous God

Baptise us with justice.

Holy God, covenant God

Baptise us with love.

Ruth Burgess

We sing or say

Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo.

Gloria! Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Taizé

Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

Let us continue in Christ's hope and peace.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome

Life is a journey on many different roads.
But God is always with us.

Sometimes we lift our faces to the sun.
And God is with us.

But then there is the hard journey
through pathways of pain
and fears in dark places.
But God is with us.
Nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Dorothy McRae McMahon

We sing or say

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, in the day or the night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; and I thy true heir,
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise;
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Turn us around, God—
around into your way of thinking,
around into your way of loving.

Turn us around, God,
and confront us with Jesus.
Baptise our fears with your joy.

Ruth Burgess

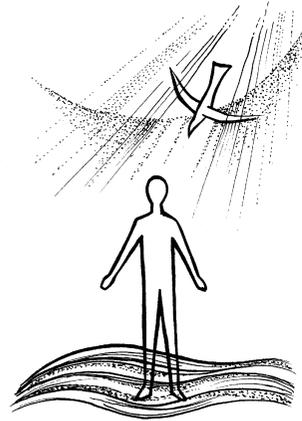
We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
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.**



Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Bible reading: Mark 1:4-11

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 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.

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. God has set God's seal upon us as a pledge of what is to come and has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1:22

The peace of the Lord be always with you.