

CROSSLACON PARISH
A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER
Supplementary Worship sheet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, O Christ
Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia

A HYMN: COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE

**Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
Translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

The Words of Jesus

I call you my friend.
Do not be afraid.
You are the salt of the earth.
I am the vine, you are the branch.

What you do to the least of people, you do to me.
Give to others and God will give to you.
Let you light shine before other people.
The hairs of your head have been counted.
Seek and you will find.
Love each other as I have loved you.
The truth will make you free.
I am the good Shepherd. My sheep know my voice.
Turn around and believe the good news.
Come to me you who are weary; I will give you rest.
I am the good Shepherd. No one can take my sheep
away from me.
Don't store up riches for yourself on earth.
Whoever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me.
You did not choose me, I chose you.
Love your enemies and do good to them.
**Do not worry about tomorrow; each day has enough
troubles of its own.**
Love God with all your heart, mind and strength and
love our neighbour as yourself.
Those who work for peace are called children of God.
I love you as God loves me.
I will send the Holy Spirit to help you.
I have come that you might have life in all its fullness.
Let me joy be in you so that your joy will be complete.
You are the light for the world.
Never mind what others do; I want you to follow me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:44-to end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

An Old Testament Reading from Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants[a] any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Ending with the collect:

Risen Christ,
By the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
Help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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