

Worship 4 (None)

Preparation

Please stand if you are able to do so

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Give us the joy of your saving help

And sustain us with your life-giving spirit

Psalm 107.17-22

17 Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, ♦
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.

18 **Their soul abhorred all manner of food ♦
and drew near to the gates of death.**

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 **He sent forth his word and healed them, ♦
and saved them from destruction.**

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 **Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving ♦
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Short Reading Matthew 28.18-20

Jesus said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Prayer

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his church, saying:

Jesus, Lord of your church,

in your mercy hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your son:

bless the leaders of your church that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding, and be open to your word for them.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know healing in themselves.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word in power, yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today, That in the complexity of their daily lives They may live for you, fulfil your purposes, And seek your kingdom first.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear us

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who are powerless in this world's eyes, that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of your church,
in your mercy hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

Collect

Let us pray for our calling as ministers and the callings of others.

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your church
a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest`;
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many
to offer themselves for the ministry of your church,
that, strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase of your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Acclamation

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,

but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all.

to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:

some are apostles, some are his prophets;

evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,

so that we can minister together

to build up his body

to be mature in the fullness of Christ.