

**Hymn 23**

'All things bright and beautiful'

We say sorry and ask God for forgiveness

*(please sit or kneel)*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**  
For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**  
For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**  
For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**  
We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

First introductory reflection (please sit)

First reading

***Ephesians 2, 11 – 22***

Second introductory reflection (please sit)

Gospel reading (please stand)

***Mark 6, 30 – 34; 53 - 56***

Talk (please sit)

**Hymn 1072**

'In Christ alone'

Please stand, as we say the following together:

**Lord, take our minds and think through them;**

**Take our lips and speak through them;**

**Take our hearts and set them on fire with the  
desire to do your holy will;**

**Turn our eyes away from vain things, that they  
may always look on your glory.**

**For you are our God, the God of compassion and  
salvation; we glorify you,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel, as we pray together:

**O gracious and Holy Father,  
Give us wisdom to perceive You,  
Diligence to seek You,  
Patience to wait for You,  
Eyes to behold You,  
A heart to meditate upon You...  
And a life to proclaim You;  
That in all we say and do, we may  
Know You more clearly,  
Love You more dearly,  
Follow You more nearly,  
Day by glorious day.**

**Amen**

Prayers of intercession

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn 445**

'Shine Jesus shine'

*As we come to the end of our service, we blow out the candles, and stand say together:*

**May God's blessing be upon you now  
May you know of his great love for you  
May God's blessing be upon you now  
Right where you are.**

Let us all go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Informal Morning Worship**

Holy Cross, Ramsbury

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Text printed in **plain bold-face type** is for everyone to say; instructions are in *italics*.

Welcome and notices

Introduction to service

Greeting (*please stand*)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Praise God who loves us,  
**Praise God who cares.**

*We light the candle, as one of us sings:*

God is here with us,  
God is in the light,  
Now there is no dark  
Candles burning bright.

Opening Prayer (*please sit or kneel*)

Lord, lift us up, put us in the palm of your hand  
and unlock the sealed chambers of our hearts;  
Let love come in.  
Lord, we have been walking in the dark,  
Hold our hands, they we may not stumble,  
Put us in the palm of your hand.  
Lord, lift us up,  
Show us that love is all around us,  
If only we learn to truly see.  
Lord, make us the instruments of your love,  
Help us be giving, humble, forgiving people,  
Serving your will,  
Serving your glory.

**Amen**

Collect for the day