

Come and See Week 2

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Opening Music

To be in your presence

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To be in your presence,
To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me,
And makes me complete.

This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.

To rest in Your presence,
Not rushing away;
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.

Let us Pray

please join in with words in bold

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept as we notice

Where God has been good

Where God is

What has stood out

Where I have been weak

What small change I can make

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
- 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
...
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
...
- 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
...
- 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favour and honour;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- 12 Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying

**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.**

Beginning to talk

We looked at God as Father, and as Hallowed last week.

Has that had an effect on you this past week?

Video – Bishop Steven

Our Lent Conversation

First Covid, and now the events in Ukraine have shaken out world.

What questions do these raise about God and his kingdom?

How have you been challenged or changed by it?

What is a Kingdom?

What is God's Kingdom?

What is God's Kingdom on earth?

Do we really want God's kingdom to come? What might that mean for me?

What would it look like for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven?

Reading: Romans 12:9-18

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and in your mercy defend us from the perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.