

# Come and See Week 5

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## Let us Pray

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth  
**your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross, stir up in us the fire of your love, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and walk with you in newness of life singing the praise of him who died for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Opening Music

## Living for your Glory

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Here our cry, O king of heaven  
Jesus, hope to every heart.  
We are lost without you glory  
We are lost without you, God

Be the fire that burns within us  
Flames of love that purify  
Send your power and salvation  
Let us see your Kingdom Come.

Turn your eyes and show us mercy  
How we need your Father's love  
Lead us home and out of darkness  
With your Gospel burning bright

*Only you can move the mountains  
Only you can heal our land  
Christ alone, our hope in glory  
Christ alone, in you we stand*

*We believe our God is mighty  
We believe our God is here  
We believe our King is coming  
Christ Alone, in you we stand*

*Praise the Lord, our God is mighty  
Praise the Lord, our God is here  
Praise the Lord our King is coming  
Christ Alone, in you we stand*

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

*Silence is kept*

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**

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

Any reflections from our journey through the Lord's Prayer so far?

Video – Bishop Steven - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_FpGD9Gz1oQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FpGD9Gz1oQ)

### Our Lent Conversation

Did anything energise you in +Steven's video? Did it raise any questions?

Is this line a statement of fact? an expression of desire? an active 'giving' of these things to God? Or something else?

What do you think 'glory' means? How do we give God glory?

What do you think 'power' means? What is God's power? How is it revealed<sup>1</sup>?

If we give the power and the glory to God, can we retain any for ourselves?

Lord Acton (1887) said 'Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely'. Is this true? How should we avoid abuse of power in the church?

The Bishop quoted the opening from the Westminster Shorter Catechism:

'The chief end of man is...' How would you begin a catechism?

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 1:18: the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.; 2 Cor 12:9: "...my power is made perfect in weakness."

## Psalm 68

- 1** May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;  
may his foes flee before him.
- 3** But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
may they be happy and joyful.
- 4** Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds;  
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.
- 19** Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour,  
who daily bears our burdens.
- 20** Our God is a God who saves;  
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.
- 28** Summon your power, God; show us your strength, our God,  
as you have done before.
- 32** Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,
- 34** Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.
- 35** You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.  
Praise be to God!

## Reading – Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*Silence is kept*

**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.**