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A short act of worship and daily devotions

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Opening Prayers

God who is Father and Mother,
God who is Creator, Spirit and Christ,
Three in one,
I bring myself in worship this day.

Show me how to walk in your way,
I ask, by your grace O God,

Amen.

Hymn:

548 STF – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine - [YouTube](#)

You may now wish to say the Lord's Prayer in a version or translation with which you are familiar

Reading: John 10:22-30 – [Click for reading](#)

Responding to the reading

In John 10:22-30, Jesus speaks about his followers hearing his voice and following him, promising eternal life and safety in his care.

Think for a moment: what are some ways you hear Jesus' voice today?

Jesus' promise that his sheep hear his voice and follow his is comforting. It tells us that being part of his flock means you are never alone; his guidance and protection are always with you.

As you reflect on what these this reading may mean, how can you strive to be attentive to the voice of Jesus, guiding you through the Holy Spirit?

What does it look like for you to be ready to serve, using your gifts to manifest God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, as you anticipate the glorious future promised in the Scriptures.

Pray for a moment:

Gracious God, thank you for the vision of a world made new, where every tear is wiped away, and every heart knows your comfort and provision.

Help me to hear your voice clearly and to follow faithfully, serving those around me with the love and compassion you have shown me. Empower me to be an agent of your grace in this world.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Responding in song

255 STF – The kingdom of God is justice and joy – [YouTube](#)

313 STF – Thine be the glory – [YouTube](#)

Blessing

God of peace,
Let me go from this place in peace,
Seeking your kingdom of justice and joy,
Praying for a better world
And playing my part in bringing it about.

Amen.

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 12th May

- Hold a moment of stillness.
If you can, turn your palms upward and open your hands, simply adopting a gesture of being ready to receive.
- Hold that pose, and that posture, for as long as you can.
- What do you need to receive from the divine today?

Tuesday 13th May

- God of all grace,
Today I am thankful, for all that I have received.
 - Help me to notice the blessings in my life, even amongst times of hardship, and offer thanks to you.
- Amen.

Wednesday 14th May

- Consider how God is love, and where there is love, there is God. Leave a note, or send a text message, to tell somebody you love them or you're grateful for them. Pray for them as you write.

Thursday 15th May

- Place your hands flat against a wall and push. Pray thanksgivings that God has strength enough for our weakness.

Friday 16th May

- Draw around the shape of your hand. Write on it the things that you're carrying that feel like burdens. Offer them to God in prayer, remembering that God carries your burdens with you.

Saturday 17th May

- Read this poem "blessing and rest" by Malcolm Guite. Consider the blessings you have received today. Give thanks for them. <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/tag/sabbath>