

An Evening Service of the Word for Disability Awareness Sunday

*Welcome, Mute line *1*

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

Hear us when we cry to you.

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Absolution

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**

The Word

Psalm 124

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Short reflection

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the time had fully come

you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

In him the fullness of your glory dwells.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Luke 5: 17-26

Short reflection

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦ he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦ the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦ from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦ and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦ and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦ and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦ to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦ to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Prayers

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that in Christ we are one body with many parts. Thank you that by your Spirit you have made us one, different yet united, unique yet belonging together.

On this Disability Awareness Sunday, forgive us for the times we have judged by appearances, or believed that some parts are more important than others. Your word tells us that the parts that seem weaker are indispensable, and that every part is worthy of honour. Thank you for the gifts, perspectives, creativity, and faith of disabled and neurodivergent members of your church.

Thank you that we are dependent on one another — that we are both in need and needed.

Help us to be a church where barriers are removed, where support is given freely, where differences are welcomed, and where every person can belong, serve, and flourish.

If one part suffers, teach us to suffer together. If one part is honoured, teach us to rejoice together. Make us a community that reflects your heart — a body that thrives under Christ our head. We are one body. We are all needed. We are all honoured. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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.

The Prayer of Christ the King

Christ Our King,
Fill us with your love that we may gladly speak for you, work for you and live our whole life for you until all join with us in endless praise of you.
Amen

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

Closing Prayer

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices; Unmute *1

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.