



**Sunday 23 February**  
**7th Sunday after Epiphany**

**All are welcome**

### **CALL OF WORSHIP**

Come in — the power of God is in this place.

**With gratitude and praise, we come into the presence of the Holy.**

Come in — Jesus welcomes all who seek him.

**With trust and hope, we come as we are.**

Come in — the Spirit of love is here.

**With joy we come to worship the One who calls us into life.**

### **HYMN CH4 189**

**Be still, for the presence of the  
Lord,**

the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now,

with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,

we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,

with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,

our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place;

he comes to cleanse and heal,

to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,

in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place.

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# PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN CH4 550

### **As the deer pants for the water,**

so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You're my brother,  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

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## HYMN CH4 553

### **Just as I am, without one plea**

but that Your blood was shed for me,  
and that You call us, 'Come to me',  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within,  
without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, You will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because Your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am Your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down,  
now to be Yours and Yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

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## SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36-50

**W**hen one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.' Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.' 'Tell me, teacher,' he said. 'Two people owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon replied, 'I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.' 'You have judged correctly,' Jesus said. Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

## HYMN CH4 555

### Amazing grace!

### How sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

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# PRAYER FOR INTERCESSION

## HYMN CH4 465

### **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,**

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day or the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thine own I would be;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,  
nor earth's empty praise:  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only,  
the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## BENEDICTION