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Loving God. Loving People.  
Growing in Christ Together.

*Leading:*      The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome:

The Greeting:

*Leader:* The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*A candle is lit.*

*Leader:* The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

Opening Prayer:

*Leader:* Let us pray.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**Open Up the Heavens**  
*Vertical Worship*

**Verse 1:**

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth  
You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

**Chorus:**

Open up the heavens, we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise

**Verse 2:**

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now  
Lord, unveil our eyes  
You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

**Chorus****Bridge:**

Show us, show us Your glory  
Show us, show us Your power  
Show us, show us Your glory Lord

**Chorus**

Bible Reading:  
**Psalm 50:1-6**

The Lord, the Mighty One, is God,  
and he has spoken;  
he has summoned all humanity  
from where the sun rises to where it sets.

**From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines in glorious radiance.  
Our God approaches,  
and he is not silent.**

Fire devours everything in his way,  
and a great storm rages around him.  
He calls on the heavens above and earth below  
to witness the judgment of his people.

**“Bring my faithful people to me—  
those who made a covenant with me by giving  
sacrifices.”**

**Then let the heavens proclaim his justice,  
for God himself will be the judge.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

Bible Reading:  
**Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter exclaimed, “Rabbi, it’s wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He said this because he didn’t really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Reader:*     **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:*    **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Talk:  
*Natania Friesen*



Response to God's Word:

*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during  
'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**Transfiguration**  
*Hillsong*

**Verse 1:**

From the cloud You speak,  
what was veiled now is seen  
Jesus the image of  
the invisible God

**Verse 2:**

Divinity confirmed  
in the Transfigured Word  
A kingdom once concealed,  
on the earth now revealed

**Chorus:**

Holy is the Lord, revealed before my eyes  
And my burning heart can scarcely take it in  
As I behold Your beauty with unworthy eyes  
The only song my soul can find to sing  
Is hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah my King

**Verse 3:**

Lead my longing heart  
to the high ground to a clear view  
And in awe I'll be there,  
beholding You

**Chorus****Bridge:**

Now I know I have seen  
Your glory that cannot be unseen  
I am changed and changing still  
As I look upon Your Lord and believe

**Chorus****Prayer:**

*This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.*

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,  
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness  
**and help us to serve you with joy.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation, *[silently or aloud pray for those places experiencing war, violence and injustice]*  
Jesus, **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

Let not the needy be forgotten, *[silently or aloud take a moment to pray for any who are sick in body, mind, or spirit]*  
Father, **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Forgive us our sins and offences against you and  
our neighbours. *[take a moment to confess anything you need to ask God's forgiveness for]*  
Lord, **wash us and make us clean in your sight.**

Make us instruments of your peace  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

We bring to you those things that are on our hearts  
this day, *[silently or aloud tell God what's on your mind]*

We entrust all whom we love,  
**and all the things that weigh us down to your eternal care.**

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer,  
**and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

*Leader:*     Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
                 let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**All:** 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.

The Peace:

*Just as we've made peace with God through confession, this  
is an opportunity to make peace with one another. You're  
invited to greet one another.*

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Communion:

**Leader:** The Lord is here.

**People:** His Spirit is with us.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Leader:** It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all  
creation; in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us, but  
came to meet us in your Son.

**All:** You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

*Leader:* In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

*All:* **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

*Leader:* On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.

*All:* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

*Leader:* At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the  
new covenant, which is shed for you for the  
forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*All:* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

*Leader:* As we proclaim his death and celebrate his  
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this  
bread and this wine may be to us the body and  
blood of your dear Son.

*All:* **As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward. Those who are baptised can extend their  
hands to receive the bread and wine. Those not yet baptised can cross  
their arms over their chest to receive a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion:

*Leader:* Lord, we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**Heal Our Land**  
*Kari Jobe*

**Verse 1:**

You take our lives, flawed yet beautiful  
Restore, refine, Lord You're merciful  
Redeem, revive

**Chorus:**

Spirit of God, Breathe on Your church  
Pour out Your presence, speak through Your word  
We pray in every nation, Christ be known  
Our hope and salvation Christ alone

**Verse 2:**

New power, new wine, as divisions fall  
One church one bride, Jesus, Lord of all  
With one voice we cry

**Chorus**

**Bridge:**

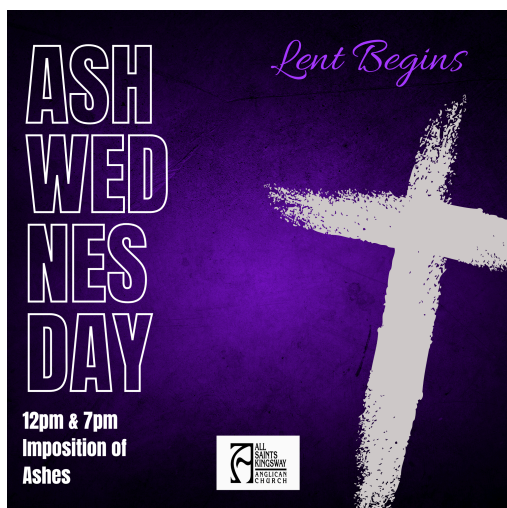
So God we pray to You, humble ourselves again  
Lord would You hear our cry, Lord will You heal our land?  
That every eye will see, that every heart will know  
The One who took our sin, the One who died and rose  
And when Your kingdom comes, and when at last You call  
We'll rise to worship You alone

Closing Prayer:

*Leader:*    **God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Blessing:

*Leader:*    The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more fully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the  
Father. And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and  
remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



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