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## Welcome and Notices

### Opening words

Why are we here?

We are here to worship God.

Why are we here?

We are here to hear from God.

Why are we here?

We are here to pray to God.



### Advent wreath prayer

People of God: be glad!

Your God delights in you,  
giving you joy for sadness  
and turning the dark to light.

Be strong in hope therefore;  
for your God comes to save.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ  
today and for ever.**

**Amen.**



### Song:

- You are here moving in our midst



## Introductory Activity

### Saying Sorry

Father God, we are sorry for the times  
when we have ignored or not helped  
people who are in danger.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the times  
when people have asked for our help or

support and we have chosen not to help  
them.

Christ, have mercy.

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Holy Spirit, we are sorry for the times  
when we have failed to listen and respond  
to your promptings or we have not seen  
others in need.

Lord, have mercy.

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May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayers

*[These responses are used]*

Lord, may we be ready

**To help and pray.**

*[And at the end]*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Song

- Light of the world



## Bible Reading

- Matthew 25:1-13  
(Easy to Read Version)



[At the end]

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

## Talk



(Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel)

## Creedal Song

- There is a redeemer



## Response & Take home explanation

## Final Song

- I cast my mind to Calvary



## Offering Prayer

## Blessing

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son  
help you to ready  
for when he comes again.



May God the Son  
give you grace to live as one of his  
followers always ready.

May God the Holy Spirit  
free you from sin, make you holy, and  
bring you to eternal life.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall**

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