



Collect of the Day

O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymns for today (* = The Source Hymnal)

Opening	140	All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name
Gradual	126	The King of Love my Shepherd is
Offertory	114*	This was our God (The Servant King)
Communion	141	The head that once was crowned with thorns
Closing	148*	At the name of Jesus, Every knee shall bow

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Canon Missioner (Vacant).
Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Jenny Whelan).
St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

Those on our prayer list: Ellen Thurlow; Revs. Les and Lucy Ireland, Agnes Rose; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Barbara Fairlee, Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Karen Rose; Tom and Lynda; Jean Hindle; Peter Bladon; Helen Kerr; Glennis Tavener, Jean McLean, and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

Notices

- ❖ Advent Book study, we have 5 more copies of the book for our Advent book study available. Please speak with Rev. Audrey if you would like to participate.
- ❖ **29 November, Saturday, 2-4pm Advent Wreath Making Event!** All are welcome to come make a wreath in the church hall.
- ❖ **30 November, Sunday, 5pm – Service of Choral Evensong** honouring the incredible history of Concordia.
- ❖ **7 December, Sunday, noon - The Annual General Meeting** of the Congregation of St. Cyprian's Church will be held in the hall after the 10.30am Eucharist. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ **14 December, 5pm, Advent Lessons and Carols**
- ❖ **17 December, 7pm, Blue Christmas Service** for those who would benefit from a slowed down service to allow space for a variety of emotions, including grief or sorrow.

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 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
 he has come to his people and set them free.
**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
 born of the house of his servant David.**
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, from the
 hands of all who hate us.
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
 and to remember his holy covenant.**
 This was the oath he swore to our father
 Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our
 enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear, holy and
 righteous in his sight all the days of our
 life.**
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the
 Most High, for you will go before the Lord to
 prepare his way,
**To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.**
 In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness
 and the shadow of death, and to guide our
 feet into the way of peace.**

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

God's power will make you strong so you
 can be patient, happy, and thankful - even in
 hard times. God rescued you from the
 "kingdom of darkness" and brought you into
 the "kingdom of light" through Jesus, God's
 son.

Jesus came to make our invisible God, visible!
 Jesus is the boss over all creation because
 God created everything through Jesus. Jesus
 holds everything together, is the first to be
 raised from the dead, and is the most
 important of all things. God's plan is for
 everything to be made new and peaceful
 through Jesus's death on the cross.

When they came to the place that is called The
 Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
 one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus
 said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know
 what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide
 his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus
 on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him,
 saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he
 is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The
 soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering
 him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of
 the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an
 inscription over him, "This is the King of the
 Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged
 there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not
 the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other
 rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since
 you are under the same sentence of
 condemnation? And we indeed have been
 condemned justly, for we are getting what we
 deserve for our deeds, but this man has done
 nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember
 me when you come into your kingdom." He
 replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with
 me in Paradise.