

Call to worship. \*\*

God calls us on a journey:

a journey into the unknown,  
a journey into love and laughter,  
a journey into pain and despair,  
a journey where we walk together,  
a journey where we never walk alone.

So come,  
let's walk life's journey together, knowing it is God who invites us to journey and it is God who will journey with us.

Hymn 152 This is the day

Reading Luke 4; 14-21

Reflection

Back in time, John baptised Jesus, the sky opened, the Spirit of God came down like a dove to Him. A voice said "This is My own dear Son, I am pleased with Him." Even for Jesus this was a life changing event, the relationship between Jesus and God is revealed to world. To prepare for the challenges ahead, to come to terms with what the future would hold, Jesus was led into the wilderness.

Jesus, returned to Galilee with the Power of The Spirit, telling people about God as he travelled to Nazareth. Once there in the temple, He reveals God's love to mankind, and His part in it.

God's Holy Spirit changes the lives of all who are called into His service. Remember Saul, who was determined to rid the world of the followers of Jesus, that life changing journey to Damascus? God blinded Saul on that journey, Divine intervention: but then God calls on a person who has found His life changed by the work of Jesus and His disciples. Ananias hears the call of God, to go to the person who travelled from Jerusalem, to arrest him and others like him, he answers the call of God and the Life of Saul who is better known to us as Paul is changed forever. God calls on the followers of Jesus to reveal His Love for all the people of this world, can you remember the person who revealed Jesus to you? I can, Aunty Beaty, all my mum's friends when I was small I addressed as aunty or uncle, she revealed God's love to me and changed my life, amazing what a Sunday school teacher can do!

Prayer

Lord we are your servants walking in the path of generations of followers, fed by Your love for humanity through Jesus Christ and the Power of Your Holy Spirit. Over the last year or two, our world has changed so much because of the devastation caused by covid virus, and the way we are learning to live with it. Over the centuries there have been many disasters that have challenged your followers faith, plagues, wars, natural disasters are just some the trials we have suffered, but one such important fact has never changed, Your love for us.

Lord, we pray that your Holy Spirit will lead us into the future, the world has changed and so must we. We all fear change, fear of the unknown, but by being led by the hand, Your hand, we know Your will can be done on earth as it is in heaven. Lord show us the way forward and through the power of Your Spirit, give us the will to face the changes and challenges our faith must face, to proclaim your Love in such a way that others will want what we have got. We pray that others will realise what they are missing, and that we your earthly servants may be able to lead them to Jesus, that they to may feed on the Bread of Life.

Amen.

Lords prayer YouTube.

Hymn 691 What shall our greeting be

Reading 1 Corinthians. 12. 12-31

## Reflection

Thinking about Aunty Beaty emphasises to me the importance of Paul's message about the Body of the church. Look at your screen, hope you haven't got it on speaker view! Look at people on your screens, we are the Body of Christ spread across parts of Lincolnshire. Each one of us have been given Gifts Of The Spirit, I don't know what gifts you all have, 1 Corinthians. 12. 27-31. What I do believe is that the gifts you have will change upon what God wants you to do. Remember Moses, I can't do that, I'm not eloquent of speech, so on and so forth. We can all make excuses why we don't want to do something when called upon, with the Holy Spirit there is no excuse! Over forty years ago I was talking to a neighbour and said if you want to do something I believe you can, Ede replied don't be daft you can't sew. Three or four days later I showed her a shirt, that's nice she said, where did you buy it from, answer, bought the material a couple of days ago ( my mum was a dress maker in here spare time!). Point is we can all surprise ourselves and others with what we can do if, we put our trust in God and the power of The Holy Spirit, just like Ananias did. We, the body of the church can use our Gifts of The Spirit to change lives in the name of Jesus.

## Prayer of intercession

Jesus Christ, Come, we pray, and transform our lives, that we may live in your eternal presence.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Be with our nation's leaders and politicians, that they may govern according to your justice and freedom.  
May your presence be seen in our country and its actions.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Be with those who serve the church, especially our ministers and clergy. May your caring love shine forth from their lives.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Be with the poor and disadvantaged, that their needs would be met, and your blessings fulfilled.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Be with the sick and infirm, that encouraged by those who care for them, they may find your presence in their difficulties.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Be with the dead and the dying. May those who mourn know they are safe in your arms.  
He is near, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Jesus Christ we are part of your presence on earth:  
help us to transform the world around us, that people may know the good news.  
He is near, .  
Amen

## Lord's prayer

Hymn. 404 God's spirit is in my heart

## The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvellous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace.