Traditional Home service Sunday 21st March

OPENING PRAYER

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

et us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PRAISE

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ. Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

Let us sing to God with thankful hearts. Open our lips, Lord: and we shall praise your name. HYMN 1 (O for a thousand tongues)

READINGS - Galatians 2:6-10

TALK

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Spend some time praying for our nation, our community and our families.

THE 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.

HYMN 2 (Make me a channel)

CONCLUSION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

HYMNS TO USE

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 3. He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
 New life the dead receive;
 The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 The humble poor believe.
- Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 Your loosen'd tongues employ;
 Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
 And leap, ye lame, for joy.
- My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the world abroad
 The honours of Thy name.

Charles Wesley (1739)

1. Make me a channel of Your peace Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul

- 2. Make me a channel of Your peace Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope Where there is darkness, only light And where there's sadness, ever joy
- 3. Make me a channel of Your peace It is pardoning that we are pardoned In giving to all men that we receive And in dying that we're born to eternal life

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