

## A SIMPLE ACT OF WORSHIP FOR PASSIONTIDE

### Preparation

We meet in the presence of God

**All** who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

### Hymn: Jesu, lover of my soul (A&M2013 no.128)

- 1 Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.
  
- 2 Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
 more than all in thee I find;  
 raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
 heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Just and holy is thy name,  
 I am all unrighteousness;  
 false and full of sin I am,  
 thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
 grace to cover all my sin;  
 let the healing streams abound,  
 make and keep me pure within.  
 Thou of life the fountain art:  
 freely let me take of thee,  
 spring thou up within my heart,  
 rise to all eternity.

CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788)

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
 so that, free from sins,  
 we might live for righteousness;  
 by his wounds we have been healed.  
 Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

O God, you know my foolishness  
 and my sins are not hidden from you:  
 Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Let not the flood overwhelm me  
 nor the depths swallow me up;  
 Let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:  
 Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;  
 Turn to me as your compassion is great:  
 Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
 by the death of his Son  
 and strengthen us  
 to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

**All Amen.**

### **Psalm 130**

*Please join in with the refrain:*

**All I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
 in his word is my hope.**

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,  
 O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,  
 so that you shall be feared.

**All I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
 in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,  
 more than the night watch for the morning,  
 more than the night watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
 for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption  
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**All I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
 in his word is my hope.**

## Bible Reading: John 11: 17 – 45 (NRSV)

*A brief introduction before the reading proper begins:*

Jesus was a close friend of sisters, Martha and Mary, and their brother Lazarus. When the sisters sent word to Jesus to tell him that Lazarus, was sick, he stayed where he was for another two days before going to Bethany.

*After a pause at the end:*

### Response

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**All because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### Prayers

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession  
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

For those in governments,

who have responsibility for decision making at this time of global crisis,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those in hospitals,

who have responsibility for the lives of others,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those overwhelmed by the darkness of serious illness,

who fear that life itself is ebbing away,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those struggling with loneliness and isolation,

who need support and encouragement,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those weighed down with fear and sorrow,

who feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross  
in the face of challenge and adversity,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.  
Amen.**

## **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Contemporary**

**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.**

### **Traditional**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Song Bless the Lord, O my soul (10,000 reasons)**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years, and then for evermore!

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**The Conclusion**

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.

**All Amen**