Week Two Daily Worship – Monday (3.30pm/7.30pm or a time that suits you)

You might want to listen to a song from one of our playlists

<u>Titles underlined</u> do not need to be said nor *instructions in italics*.

Introduction to worship: Psalm 28:6-9

Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him. The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them for ever.

Take a moment to think of when God has heard your cry and thank Him for that.

Remembering God's willingness to forgive

The Bible reminds us not to 'walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers'. Sometimes we find this challenging as we find ourselves led away from God by others. When this happens, we often fail to delight in God's Word and what it reveals about the God we love and serve. We confess this to be the case, trusting in God's willingness to forgive as we say together

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of Your Word, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and grant that from now on I may live a godly, righteous and disciplined life to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember with the Psalmist this truth – Psalm 51:7-9

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards humankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may experience His forgiveness and follow His example of patience and humility and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Please use the blog reading for today

Pause for thought on the Bible Reading (suggest at least 30 seconds)

A place for your prayers (based on what you have just read)

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer and a Blessing

Lord, we understand that we will face hardships because we live in a broken, fallen world and, sometimes, as we stand for You and Your Word. Thank You that because of the cross of Jesus we know that You love us and that Your Spirit reassures us of Your love in so many ways. Thank you that we have experienced in our church family your rescuing work in so many ways. We continue to pray that You would rescue us from the hardships we face in accordance with Your will. We thank You that we can pray for our Christian brothers and sisters to be delivered throughout the world, this we do now asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Suggested topics of prayer for today including our three linked mission partners

- Please pray for all those churches and organisations that clearly preach the cross of Christ to prosper in these days including Church Army Africa, Christian Vision for Men and London City Mission.
- Please pray for those churches that have lost their focus on the cross of Christ to hear the call of the Holy Spirit to return to gospel truth.
- Please pray that Christ Church St Andrews as a church family would know the love of God through the work of the Spirit and the facts of the cross.
- Please pray for one person who you want to specially experience the love of God either afresh or for the first time.

A time for your own prayers (as long as you like) ...

Merciful Father

Accept these and all our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 forever. Amen.

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 courage to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.