

Website May 8th RBC Order of Service

A gathering prayer

God, our shepherd,
you gather us into your kingdom,
and into your loving arms.
You seek us out when we are lost.
You rescue us when we are in trouble.
You welcome us when we return home.
Make us – your church, your people –
into a sanctuary for all who are fearful,
a place of healing for those who are broken,
and a welcoming home for all who seek it.
Amen.

Bible Reading Psalm 23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=NIV>

Song The Lord's my Shepherd Stuart Townend <https://youtu.be/-eIQQayhpak>

Funky Followers talk by Jo Roland

Funky Followers song <https://youtu.be/PGPQX3vQtU8>

RYFC update Joe Bevan

Bible Reading Revelation 7 :9-17

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%207%3A9-17&version=NIV>

A prayer of approach

Let us come before the God of our salvation,
offering him all praise and glory.
Let us join the angels standing around the throne,
as we offer ourselves in worship to God, saying:
Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks
and honour and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Songs Before the throne https://youtu.be/jAO6AJ63_jg
Salvation belongs to our God <https://youtu.be/XT1LMSMOFWg>

Sermon by Joe Bevan

Prayers of intercession From Roots on the Web

In this week of local elections,

we pray for the results

and for godly men and women who serve their communities.

May truth be tended and integrity fed

and the way of Christ be followed.

We pray for the people of France for their re-elected president

and the forthcoming National Assembly elections,

and indeed for all those across the world who are elected to power.

May truth be tended and integrity fed

and the way of Christ be followed.

We pray for those entrusted with the administration of justice

and implementation of policies that affect the lives of millions.

We pray for those whose abuse of power leads to the oppression

and even deaths of those who speak out.

May truth be tended and integrity fed

and the way of Christ be followed.

Amen.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

For those hiding in basements,
for those living in trenches,
for those traumatised by all they have seen, heard and endured.
May they encounter your risen presence in the ruins of their lives
and in the rubble of their cities.

Amen.

We pray for people who feel forgotten as the attention of the world's media moves elsewhere:
in Afghanistan, in Syria, in Yemen, and all places of war and hunger.
May they encounter your risen presence in the ruins of their lives
and in the rubble of their cities.

Amen.

Song In Christ alone <https://youtu.be/b1QqX72HZbM>

A sending out prayer

God of all our coming in and our going out,
of our past, present and our future,
of all the ups and downs of life,
give us bright hope that all shall be well.
Help us to trust in your promises,
to find springs of the water of life,
and to share that with others,
that tears may be wiped from every eye.
Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever!

Amen.

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/23756/activity-sheet-8-may-2022.pdf>
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