

Sunday 19th June

Order of Service

Call to worship

Children of God,

give praise to our God who loves you.

All who are broken and bruised,

glorify our God who will grant you peace.

All who are healed and restored,

stand in awe of our God who has and will transform your life.

Come now and worship.

Gather

Hymn God of life, we come in worship <https://youtu.be/UjzsaOvlvjA>

A prayer of adoration

Almighty, powerful God,

who is full of compassion,

who rescues us from danger,

who strengthens the weak,

who feeds the poor:

we bow down and honour your name.

Almighty, powerful God,

who brings hope and healing,

who hears our cry,

whose heart feels our pain,

who heals us inside and out:

we bow down and honour your name.

Amen.

Father's Day (with powerpoint)

Songs

Father God (I am a child of God) <https://youtu.be/s5MeNT1GEAI>

All my days, I will sing this song of gladness <https://youtu.be/RSm6fdZH15Q>

Reading John 11 17 - 27

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11%3A+17+-+27&version=NIV>

Sermon

Communion, to include (with powerpoint)

Hymn Broken for me, broken for you <https://youtu.be/cXmjJsPnNLA>

Prayers

Prayers of intercession

God of comfort,

in the week that marks five years since the tragedy of Grenfell Tower, we pray for those who are still grieving. As the nation is reminded of the disaster and remembers the night the tower burnt down we are aware that those caught up in the fire live with the memory every day. Help the survivors to find ways to work through their trauma, find justice and experience a measure of your deep and healing peace.

God of comfort,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion,

thank you for the sunshine this week. Thank you for the joy sunny days bring to lots of people. But as the sun shines and we enjoy the heat we are reminded of the many places in the world struggling to cope with the impact of climate change and rising temperatures. We think in particular of the brutal heat wave currently happening in India and the impact this is having on lives and livelihoods. As officials meet this week in Germany to talk about and prepare for the next UN climate conference, help the rich and powerful nations to see the damage wrought in the poorer countries of the world facing the most severe consequences of climate change. May those with power and influence listen seriously to their concerns and act swiftly.

God of compassion,
hear our prayer.

God of justice,

we read this week that the UN's emergency food budgets are going to be drastically cut. The impact on places like South Sudan will be extremely serious. As difficult decisions are made around aid we pray for a spirit of justice; that everyone in need is seen and attended to. Even in our own country, we are aware that reliance on foodbanks is growing even as donations are reducing due to the complexities of the cost-of-living crisis faced by so many. Thank you for the work churches across our land are doing to relieve hunger. Help us, as your people, to be agents of justice for those at the margins of our society.

God of justice,
hear our prayer.

God of wholeness,

today's Gospel reading is an amazing vision of a healed mind. With mental health issues on the rise following the pandemic we pray for those suffering. We think of people we know

personally who are struggling with their mental health. In the next minute or so pray for any friends or family members you are concerned about. (Pause for minute for silent prayer.) We pray for healing and wholeness, for the right interventions and for the professionals working with people with mental illness.

God of wholeness,

hear our prayer.

God of transformation,

thank you that the healing of the man in the Gospel reading also brought about his complete transformation. Thank you that he leaves his encounter with Jesus 'proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.' As we encounter Jesus may we experience transformation. Help us to be open to your love, comfort, compassion and justice, and find wholeness in you.

God of transformation,

hear our prayer.

Amen

Hymn In Christ Alone <https://youtu.be/rn9-UNer6MQ>

Blessing

A sending out prayer

Come with us, Lord, in our brokenness and bring healing.

Come with us, Lord, into our divided world and unite us.

Come with us, Lord, and cast from us that which is not of you,

that we may live as your children in your world,

today and always.

Amen.