Opening Prayers

Dear Lord, our parent, a new day has dawned.

Together with all of creation we whisper your name in our breathing. We proclaim your name in our celebrations and joy. We sing with the angels, all praise to our redeeming king.

Today is the Lord's day and we are joined into God's creation – life in all its fullness and abundance.

As the birds chirp a welcome to the morning, we too rejoice at the colour palette of the rising sun. As the cock crows, we give thanks for the bounty of the soil. The abundance of our generous, providing God.

We are blessed with different times and seasons, each challenging us to experience your creation, O God in profoundly different ways.

Help us Lord to walk tall, to see, hear, smell, touch and taste the godliness in all you have made.

God of the empty tomb remind us again and again of your eternal grace, compassion, forgiveness and presence.

Blessed Lord be with us in our fellowship here. We come into your presence, but not alone. Love, hope and grace precede us, intercedes for us and invites us to open our hearts without fear, in faith.

Amazing Lord Jesus we come believing we are heavy laden with the challenges of life. We come confused at times by our pain, concerns, fears or restlessness, to meet the risen Christ. Yet we come trusting in you Lord.

Forgive us Lord when we seek too far. Shout too loud, talk too much and crowd out the Holy Spirit present in and about us. May our time together bring a peace, a deep peace that only comes from you Lord and Saviour.

We wish to worship in truth, to find your truth and to be truth in the world, for ourselves and others.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers. Amen.