

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever, amen.

Alternate Lord's Prayer by Jim Cotter

Offering: For Richmond Churches Food Centre, Boroondara
Community Outreach and Uniting World projects in PNG.

Song: The north wind is tossing the leaves
the red dust is over the town
the sparrows are under the eaves
and the grass in the paddocks is brown,
as we lift up our voices and sing
to the Christ Child the heavenly king.

The tree ferns in green gullies sway,
the cool streams flow silently by,
the joy bells are greeting the day,
and the chimes are a drift in the sky,
as we lift up our voices and sing
to the Christ Child our heavenly king.

(TIS 322 John Wheeler)

A prayer from Archbishop Desmond Tutu's *An African Prayer Book*, 'Victory is Ours'

**"Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us."**

Final Blessing

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before or not in a long time, here you are welcome.

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from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace
John 1.16

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Prayers of worship and praise

Response: From your fullness we receive
grace upon grace

Song: Let earth and heave combine
their voices all agree
to praise in songs divine
the incarnate deity -
our God contracted to a span,
incomprehensively made man.

Unsearchable the love
that has our Saviour brought
the grace is far above
our own or angels' thought:
enough for us that God, we know,
our God, is manifest below.

He deigns in flesh to appear,
widest extremes to join,
to bring our vileness near
and make us all divine:
and we the life of God shall know
for God is manifest below.

Made perfect first in love,
and sanctified by grace,
we shall from earth remove,
and see his glorious face:
then shall his love be fully showed,
and we shall then be lost in God.

(TiS 305 Charles Wesley)

Sacred Space with the children

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Psalms 147.12-15
John 1.1-18

Reflection

Song: Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine,

love was born at Christmas
stars and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine,
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbours,
love for plea and gift and sign.

(TiS 317 Christina Rossetti)

Prayer of letting go

Words of Assurance and declaration of forgiveness:
...Friends hear Christ's word of grace to each one of us:
Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Invitation to be anointed with oil

Prayers for the earth

...The Lord's prayer
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by all peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us
and help us to forgive.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.