

## A. SONG

Holy Spirit come  
Make my eyes to see  
Make my ears to hear  
Make my mouth to speak  
Make my heart to seek  
and my hands to reach out  
and touch the world with your love.

## B. CALL TO WORSHIP

**We come in faith to worship Christ**  
who proclaims good news to the poor,  
binds up the broken-hearted,  
frees the prisoner  
and comforts those who mourn.

**We come in thanksgiving to worship Christ**  
who bestows a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.

**We come in hope to worship Christ**  
who rebuilds ancient ruins  
and restores broken places.

## C. PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,  
You created the earth, whole and round;  
You created us to be whole people.  
But we have become fragmented,  
cracked and broken.

We have been broken by false promises,  
lost relationships, shattered trust.  
We have become cracked with the  
experience of systemic sin:  
prejudice, oppression and fear.

We have become fragmented,  
building up walls  
instead of lending hands.  
Forgive us when we have  
done the breaking,  
heal us where we have been hurt.

Let Your light shine  
through our cracks and scars  
so that we might bring light to the world,  
showing that in You we are made whole.

In You we find healing.  
In You we find renewed life.  
Help us to forgive, to love, to mend.  
**Amen.**

## D. READING

2 Corinthians 4:6-10

## E. PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,  
from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem,  
from then to now,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

To heal the sick,  
to mend the broken-hearted,  
to comfort the disturbed,  
to disturb the comfortable,  
to cleanse the temple,  
to liberate faith from convention,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

To carry the cross,  
to lead the way,  
to shoulder the sin of the world  
and take it away,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

Today, to this place, to us,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
**Amen.**

## F. LET US PRAY

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."  
(Romans 8:28)*

Let us pray ...

## G. CLOSING AFFIRMATION

We believe the time is now to go into the world and face the darkness

We believe the moment is right to face the powers of the world with the love of heaven

We believe the place is here to endure the suffering love calls us to

We believe the path is before us to side with truth in a deafened world

We believe the hour is come to conspire with Christ and move against injustice

We believe the gospel is this:  
love is betrayed but death shall not have the final word

## H. BENEDICTION

May God be merciful to you and bless you;  
may He smile with kindness upon you,  
that His ways may be known throughout the earth, and His saving power among people everywhere.

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# prayer sheet



Theme  
**he heals the  
brokenhearted and  
bandages up their  
wounds**

*Psalms 147:3*