

CLOSING WORSHIP

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You are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.
To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given
for the common good.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that we are all members
of your body here on earth.
We thank you for the gifts of the Holy Spirit
that equip us to work for you.**

**As we offer ourselves to your service,
help us to value one another's gifts,
to work together effectively,
and to have a true partnership in the Gospel
as we seek to live for your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Diocese of York

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth:

Worship the LORD with gladness.

Come into his presence with singing:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

Enter his courts with praise:

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

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BIBLE READING:

1 Corinthians 12 (Good News Bible)

⁴There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

⁵There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. ⁶There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. ⁷The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

¹²Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. ¹³In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts.

¹⁵If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? ¹⁸As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. ¹⁹There would not be a body if it were all only one part! ²⁰As it is, there are many parts but one body.

²¹So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" ²²On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker; ²⁵And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another.

²⁶If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. ²⁷All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12.4-7,12-22,25-27

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CONCLUSION

Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name:

Inspire us and guide us by your Spirit.

May all that we think and do and say:

Bring glory to your holy name.

May blessing and honour and glory and power:

Be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.