

## **WALKING THE WAY**

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*\*Hymns are suggested and may be exchanged for songs of your choice.*

## Welcome, Notices

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Come pilgrim on your human journey  
And seek with us the Jesus way,  
Finding the Spirit's gentle wisdom  
Still speaking to us in this day.

**Hymn**     *Will you come and follow me*, 558 (R&S) or a song  
of your choice

### Prayer

God of grace, through the life, suffering, death and  
resurrection of your Son Jesus, you revealed your love for  
us.

Through the gift of the Spirit you give each one of us the  
strength to face the journey ahead. Ready and prepared  
to consciously go Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus  
today; we respond to his words of invitation, 'follow me'.  
Take us along spiritual pathways that will challenge and  
inspire.

Open our hearts and minds so that we are alert and ready  
to act whenever and wherever we hear your call.  
Transform our frustrations and disappointments, our  
complaining and our weariness, and make us people of  
imagination and creativity.

Enable us to work together; collaborating and sharing,  
encouraging and supporting, all with generosity,  
compassion and love; as we go Walking the Way – living

the life of Jesus today. Using the power of the Spirit show us how to work for the advancement of your kingdom in our daily living.

Grounded in our traditions give us the confidence to draw on our collective experience and wisdom so that we can learn from the past and each other.

Take a culture of inward-looking survival and give us the power to have vision, be radical and take risks so that we can become a culture of outward looking growth. Energise and excite us, equip us with all the resources required so that we can go out with passion on a journey of discipleship;

Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today.

Bringer of peace and joy, all glory to you, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and always.

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

**Hymn** *One more step along the world I go* 549 (R&S)

### **The Offertory**

**Anthem** or a song of your choice

**Bible Readings**    *Acts: 2: 17-21 & Mark 1: 9-20*

**Hymn**    *Jesus call us!*    355 (R&S) or a song of your choice

**Sermon**    *Notes to use in sermon preparation*

Our bible reading from Mark is one we know well!

The call of the first of the Disciples, fishermen, everyday people, hard working. Did not know where they are going. It was the start of their journey with Jesus. Challenging, different, learning, be lead and leading.

We to are called to do the same, to recognise our own journeying with Jesus.

The Gran reading her bible!

Just because we attend a church does not mean that we have reach the end of our journeying it is just the beginning.

To help us the URC has started Walking the Way: People of the way Living the life of Jesus today, the umbrella term for the United Reformed Church's focus on lifelong discipleship and mission.

The purpose of Walking the Way is to support everyone in recognising and living out their call to God's mission in everyday life, both within and outside the Church.

Whoever we are, we are each created by God with unique gifts and talents to help build God's Kingdom of joy, justice, peace and love for all.

Whether we work in a factory or an office block, whether we volunteer at our local foodbank, sing in a choir, playing sports or knitting, we are all called to be Christ's

ambassadors where we are, whatever we're doing, making the world a better place, for ourselves and others, as we follow Jesus faithfully.

Walking the Way is also about asking what the Church – its systems, structures, ministries and activities – needs to look like, locally, regionally, nationally and globally, to make this a reality.

We are invited to reflect on our own roles as disciples of Jesus and to consider what it means to serve in a Church that seeks to empower everyone in their call to, and participation in, missional discipleship.

Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today

Walking the Way is the United Reformed Church's exciting focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission.

It moves beyond a set of programmes into the world, where each step we take is accompanied by Jesus, helping us to bring about change in our own lives and, ultimately, in Church culture and society.

As you engage in Walking the Way, we hope your understanding of what being a Christian disciple means will deepen. Who knows, you may grow beyond your wildest dreams, living as a disciple in all parts of your life.

The Greek word for 'disciple' is *mathetes*, which literally means: 'one who learns as they follow'.

Walking the Way explores what it means to follow actively, learn from – and eventually be transformed by – Jesus. It’s for anyone at any stage of the Christian journey – whoever you are, whatever your existing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church, whatever your personal circumstances. It’s for you whether you have been following Jesus for five days or five decades.

Of course, there’s nothing new about being a disciple of Christ. What is new about Walking the Way is its practical, flexible, dynamic and accessible approach, and the wide range of supporting resources produced and planned. Over time, these web pages will fill with rich, creative materials to help you on your walk – as an individual, as you walk with a few others, and as you walk courageously in the world.

One key resource recommended for Walking the Way is *Holy Habits* by Andrew Roberts, a set of texts exploring 10 habits that can help us to develop new ways of Christian living.

These are: Biblical Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread, Prayer, Giving, Service, Eating together, Gladness and Generosity, Worship, Making More Disciples.

We are called to Dare to Dream that we can make a difference in the church to live up to the words of Peter in Acts:

I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.  
Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;  
your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will have dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will  
proclaim my message.

Andrew Roberts in Holy Habits writes:

‘Follow me,’ says Jesus. Two simple yet life-changing, world-changing, words. Dare to dream what you can be and do, as renewed by the Spirit you follow afresh the one who loves you, calls you and Walks with you.

Dare to dream of how your home, church, community, workplace, world can be transformed as you live out the holy habits in partnership with the Holy Community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ‘Follow me,’ says Jesus. It’s time to take the next step.

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### **Prayers of concern**

God, Maker and Lover of all, we know that your way is not always easy; that peace is not given lightly, that sometimes justice comes only through struggle.

We pray for the places in your world where we long to see justice and dream of peace. We remember especially the peoples of.... where conflicts seem so long-standing and complex that we cannot imagine resolution; and we pray for wisdom and reconciliation....

We remember communities divided by poverty and racism, especially.... where the gaps between privilege and powerlessness seem to grow ever wider; and we pray for justice and healing.

We remember your church, sometimes fragmented and confused, where in spite of division, your people seek to live out the Gospel; and we pray for joy and a new sense of the Spirit's power.

We remember our friends, neighbours and ourselves, especially.... in those areas of our lives where we struggle to be true to what we have learned of you; and we pray for faithfulness and courage.

God, Maker and Lover of us all who summons us in Jesus to the way of the cross, and empowers us to live by your Spirit, hear our prayer as we unite our voices, praying together:

**Lord of all, as you walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy, we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours and walk where you lead as we live out your life in our daily living for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

**Hymn** *Who would true valor see*, 557 (R&S) or a song of your choice



## **Closing Prayer:**

God of all, as Jesus walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy, he fed the hungry with the bread of life and brought healing and hope to those he met.

Renew us through the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may do likewise. As we step out on this exciting, yet daunting, journey of discipleship, we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours and walk where you lead as we live out your life in our daily living for Jesus' sake.

Amen

## **The Grace**