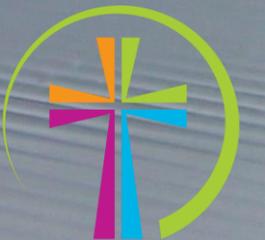


# Covenant Service

**The Repair Shop (5)**

**Isaiah 49: 1 - 6**

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



**Bowthorpe  
Church**

# Call to worship

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9: 13.



# Blessed Assurance



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his  
blood.



This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.



Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight.

Angels descending bring from  
above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love.



This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.



Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Saviour am happy and  
blessed,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his  
love.



This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.



# Opening prayer

Glory to the God of Love, you created us; you continually preserve and sustain us; you love us with an everlasting love you give us the light of the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.



**Blessèd be God for ever.**



Blessèd be God for ever, Glory to  
you, Lord Jesus, You were rich, but  
became poor for our sake, you  
were tempted as we are, yet  
without sin, you preached the good  
news of the kingdom and were



obedient to death, even death on a cross. You were raised from death and are alive forever. You sit at God's right hand in glory and will come again to judge us.



**Blessèd be God for ever.**



Blessèd be God for ever Glory to  
you, Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver  
of Life. By you we are born into the  
family of God and made members  
of the body of Christ. Your witness  
confirms us; your wisdom



teaches us; your power enables us.  
You will do for us more than we  
can ask or think.



**Blessèd be God for ever.**



To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be praise and glory for ever. **Amen.**



# Isaiah 49: 1 - 6

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.



2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.



3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.”



4 But I said, “I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the Lord’s hand, and my reward is with my God.”



5 And now the Lord says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—



6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”



This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Reflection



# I surrender



Here I am

Down on my knees again

Surrendering all

Surrendering all



Find me here

Lord as You draw me near

Desperate for You

Desperate for You

I surrender



Drench my soul  
As mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst  
I hunger and thirst



With arms stretched wide  
I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now  
Speak to me now



I surrender

I surrender

I wanna know You more

I wanna know You more

[x2]



Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me



Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me



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# The Covenant

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law.



The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.



In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.



We meet today, as generations before us have done, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.



Let us, then, humbly seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim on us.



# Prayer of confession

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins. You showed us how to live in the life of Jesus. We confess that we have been slow to learn from him, failed to follow him and showed our reluctance



to carry the cross.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord forgive.**



We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our evasion of responsibilities in your service and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.



Lord have mercy.

Lord forgive.



Have mercy upon us, O God,  
through your constant love. In the  
fulness of your mercy, blot out our  
offences. Wash away all our guilt  
and cleanse us from our sin. Create  
in us a new heart and renew a right  
spirit within us. **Amen**



If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, to all who truly repent this is his gracious word: “Your sins are forgiven.” **Amen**



# No longer slaves



You unravel me  
With a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance  
From my enemies  
'Til all my fears are gone



I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God



From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again  
Into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins



I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God



I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God



I am surrounded

By the arms of the Father

I am surrounded

By songs of deliverance



I am surrounded  
By songs of deliverance

We've been liberated  
From our bondage



You split the sea

So I could walk right through it

My fears are drowned in perfect love

You rescued me

So I could stand and sing

I am a child of God



You split the sea

So I could walk right through it

My fears are drowned in perfect love

You rescued me

So I could stand and sing

I am a child of God



I am a child of God

Yes, I am a child of God



# The promise

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.



This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.



Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both;



in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.



Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.



Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will;



with joy we offer ourselves  
anew to you. We are no longer  
our own but yours.



I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all  
things, wherever you may place  
me, in all that I do and in all that I  
may endure; when there is work  
for me and when there is none;



when I am troubled and when I  
am at peace. Your will be done  
when I am valued and when I am  
disregarded; when I find  
fulfilment and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things, and when I  
have nothing.



I willingly offer all I have and am  
to serve you, as and where you  
choose.



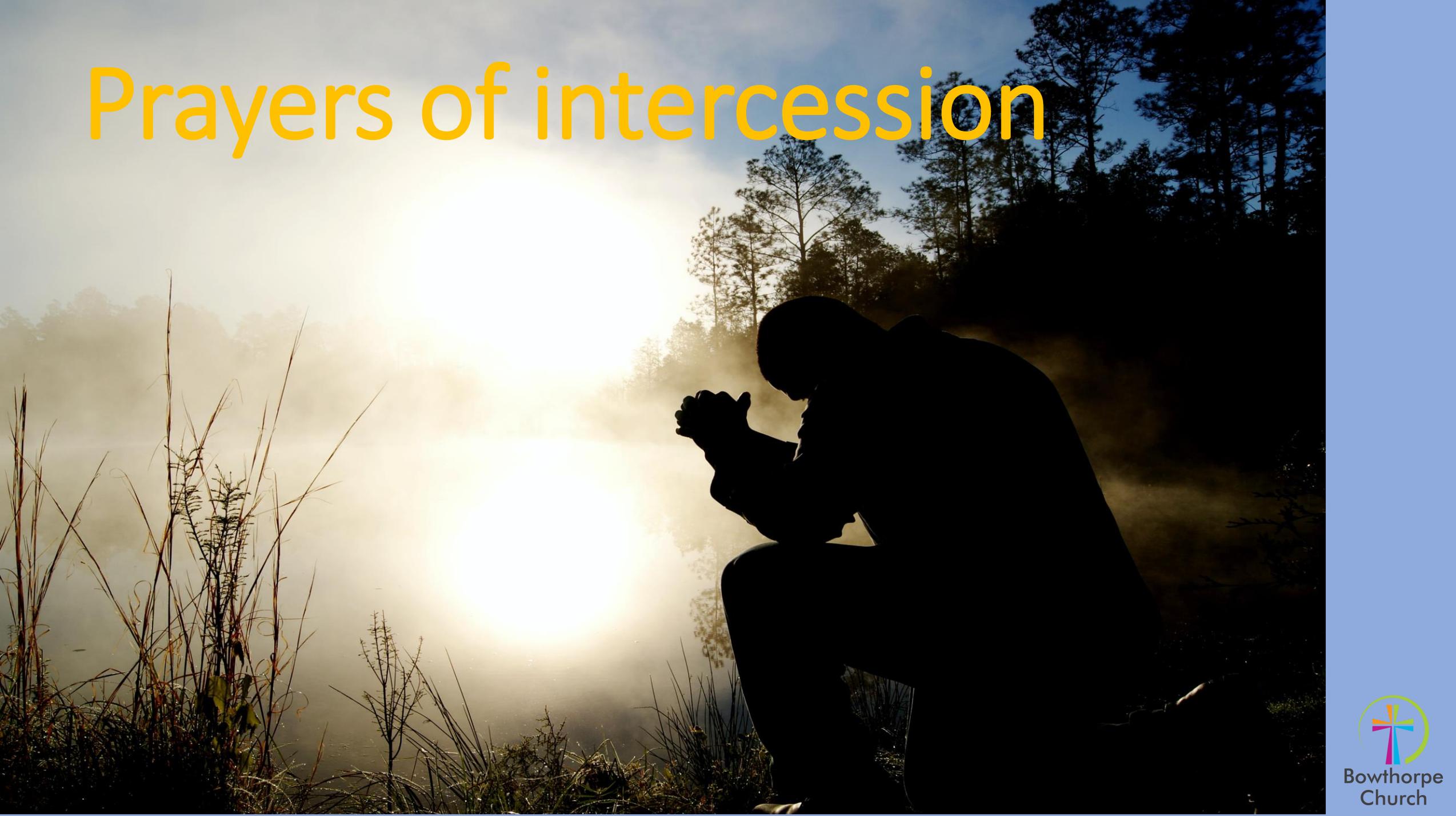
**Glorious and blessèd God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine  
and I am yours. May it be so for  
ever. Let this covenant now made  
on earth be fulfilled in heaven.  
Amen.**



We have entered into this covenant not for ourselves alone but as God's servants and witnesses. Let us pray for the church and for the world.



# Prayers of intercession



# The Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**



**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**



# The peace

The Lord has made an everlasting covenant of peace with his people.  
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



# Communion

Jesus said to Nicodemus “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”



and “those who do what is true  
come to the light, so that it may  
be clearly seen that their deeds  
have been done in God.”



Our God is a God of second chances and new opportunities, let us celebrate his grace and bounty to us.



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

**It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.**



It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God. Endless is your mercy and eternal is your reign. All creation rejoices in your radiant splendour. You made a



covenant with your people and  
declared your purpose of justice  
and love.

When all things were ready, you  
sent your Son to be our Saviour. In  
words and deeds, he proclaimed



your kingdom, and obeyed your will even to death on the cross. Through his mighty resurrection he overcame sin and death to set the whole creation free.



Therefore, with saints and angels  
and with all the choirs of heaven,  
we join in the song of eternal  
praise.



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is He who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



We praise you, Father, that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,



‘Take and eat. This is my body,  
given for you. Do this in  
remembrance of me.’

After supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to  
drink, saying,



‘This cup is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.’



As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup we proclaim  
the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, gracious God, with this bread and this cup we remember that our Lord offered his life for us. Believing the witness of his resurrection and ascension, we look for his coming in glory, and



our sharing in his great and  
promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may live to your praise and glory with all your saints in light.



**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**



The things of God for God's Holy  
people

**Jesus Christ is Holy;**

**Jesus Christ is Lord;**

**Glory to God the father.**



Jesus said I am the bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall not  
hunger and those who believe in  
me shall never thirst.



So now we reach our hands to take and eat what is before us, the symbol of our fellowship with Christ and one another. We drink from the cup to refresh our spirits in God. We rejoice to be God's



people, confident that, whatever  
lies before us, God is with us.



Draw near with faith and as a sign of our unity in Christ and of the covenant we have just made please retain the bread so that we may all eat together.



The body of Christ keep you in  
eternal life.

**Amen**



# Prayer after communion

Holy God, we praise you for all that you are. We thank you for your bounty to us, the love we witness through the ebb and flow of the rhythms of your creation. We thank you for the grace



that you show to us as individuals. Give to us courage to enact a way of life to which you have called us. Give us boldness to be holy people, called to serve the world. May we be kingdom



people who always dare to live  
and speak out, motivated by  
our faith in God. Amen.



# Waymaker



You are here, moving in our midst

I worship You, I worship You

You are here, working in this  
place

I worship You, I worship You

(Repeat x 1)



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are



You are here, touching every heart

I worship You, I worship You

You are here, healing every heart

I worship You, I worship You



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are



You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, I worship You



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are



You wipe away all tears, You mend  
the broken heart

You're the answer to it all, Jesus

You wipe away all tears, You mend  
the broken heart

You're the answer to it all, to it all,

Jesus... yeah



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are



You are here, touching every life  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, meeting every need  
I worship You, I worship You



# Closing prayer and blessing

As we go out from here this morning know that our God goes before us, is all around us and he makes the way for us to follow, know too that we are never alone he has promised to never forsake us. Boldly follow him.



Faithful God, with these holy gifts  
you have fed and strengthened us in  
Jesus Christ your son. Guide us on  
our way that with all your faithful  
people we may share the feast of  
your eternal kingdom, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The blessing of God the father,  
the son and the Holy Spirit be  
upon us now and remain with us  
for ever. **Amen**



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

