

A service for Rededication Sunday

Based on the Five Marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission originated at the 1988 Lambeth Conference and were endorsed by the Forum of Churches Together in England in 1997. They are to proclaim the good news of the kingdom (tell), to teach baptise and nurture new believers (teach), to respond to human need by loving service (tend), to seek to transform unjust structures of society (transform) and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation (treasure).

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Call to worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:7-9

Hymn or song

Prayer of Approach

Powerful, ever present God,
you make yourself known to us
through the mystery and energy of your creation.
Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

You reveal your purposes

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who lived and died and rose to life again.

Help us to trust in him as our Lord and saviour.

You send your Holy Spirit
to help us glimpse your kingdom
and give us hope to strive for it.
Enable us to work with you
for your rule of justice and peace.

All Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we confess we have failed to answer your call to mission.

You invite us to tell others the good news;
yet too often we have been silent and fearful.
For our unwillingness to share your gospel
forgive us, we pray,
All and help us to start again.

You call us to teach others
and to keep growing in faith ourselves;
yet we have settled for easy answers
and avoided challenging issues.
For our resistance to your teaching
forgive us, we pray,
All and help us to start again.

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what it means to care for others;
yet we would sooner sit on our hands
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forgive us, we pray,
All and help us to start again.

You give us this world
and all living things as gifts to treasure;
yet we have damaged and despoiled them
by ignorance, impatience and greed.
For our failure to take care of the planet entrusted to us
forgive us, we pray,
All and help us to start again.

You challenge your people
by your prophets, old and new,
to confront the injustice in their lives and communities;
yet we feel uncomfortable
when our double standards are brought home to us.
For our failure to work for peace with justice
forgive us, we pray,
All and help us to start again.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, present in all creation,
we pray for your world and your Church.

Awaken us to the pain of those in poverty,
the distress of those in nations burdened by debt,
the sick, the sorrowing, victims of violence and war.
May we discover our common humanity with them

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Where your people have lost their way
and fallen into decline or complacency,
give them eyes to see
and ears to hear your summons to mission.

Where your Church is vibrant and growing,

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the lessons they are learning.

Give us courage and humour for what lies ahead.

Fill us with wisdom to face the world

and childlike trust in the power and goodness

of your ultimate purposes for all you have made.

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All

Amen.

Hymn or song

Renewal of commitment to mission

The congregation may be invited to stand.

We will delay our mission no longer.

We will live in ways that show those around us

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We will demonstrate by our actions

as well as by our words how much God longs

for the healing and wholeness of the world.

We will build one another up in love,

so that those who encounter our common life

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Amen.

Dismissal and blessing

We entrust to God
our companions on the road,
this place from which we journey,
and the neighbours who will share our work of mission.

And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, & U H D W R U & K U L V W D Q G 6 S L U L W
rest upon us now and always.

All Amen.