**Dedication of the Prayer Tent**

# Preparation

*Outside the tent*

*Leader* One thing I have asked of the Lord,

This is what I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord

All the days of my life

To behold the beauty of the Lord

And to seek him in his temple. (based on Ps84)

*The people walk round or encircle the tent*

*Call:* The Lord is here

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

*Call:* We need not fear

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

*Call:* We abide in peace

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

*Call:* We are immersed in love

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

*Call:* We continue in hope

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

*Call:* We rejoice in faith

*Response:* **His Spirit is with us**

Lord we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit

Inspiring us to pitch a tent of prayer

Encircle this place with your love

That all who stop here may know your presence

And praise your glory**. Amen**

SONG:

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to see you**

# Confession

*Only in God’s Strength***:** Philippians 4.12-13

The writer, Paul, was in a bad way. In prison, beaten and discriminated. But he overcomes this, not in his own strength but God’s. As we approach a holy time of prayer it is right for us to recognise that without God prayer is impossible. Without God we are just broken people, but with God we are restored and forgiven.

*Call:* Lord help us in our weakness

*Response:* **Lord** **Give us Strength**

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen**

**The Word of God**

*Reading: The Tent of Meeting***:** Numbers 9.15-23

When God gave Moses the ten commandments, he also gave him instructions for making – not a temple, but a tent of his presence. The people of Israel were on a journey and the tent showed that God would journey with them. In our fast changing society, we also need to travel light, repitching our tent in each situation where God calls us to follow him.

*Voice 1 -* Lord you are in this place

Your presence fills it

Your presence is peace

*Voice 2* Lord you are in my heart

Your presence fills it

Your presence is peace

*Voice 3* Lord you are in my mind

Your presence fills it

Your presence is peace

*Voice 4* Lord you are in my life

Your presence fills it

Your presence is peace

*ALL* **Help us to know that we dwell in**

 **you and you dwell in us**

**This day and forever more**

*We are God’s Temple* - Ephesians 2.19-22

The new testament reminds us that, it is not so much that we worship in a temple – but that as God’s people, we are being built into his temple.

*Collect:* Almighty God, to whose glory we dedicate this place of prayer

We praise you for the many blessings you give to us as we journey with you

And we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you

And being filled with the holy spirit may become a strong living temple acceptable to you

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

SONG:

**Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in**

***Rejoice, Rejoice
Let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice
O Church of Christ, rejoice***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace**

**Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
"Our God is all in all"**

**Prayer**

*Pray without ceasing* - Ephesians 6.10-19

When Paul instructs the Ephesians to pray it is the major weapon in the mission God has given them. They are to pray for protection for themselves and for God’s people – and for the spread of the gospel. The prayer that takes place in a small place like this has a much larger effect on our lives, our community and our world.

Pass round the baton of prayer – each praying for a different aspect of God’s mission.

SONG:

**Make me a channel of your peace**

**Where there is hatred let me bring your love**

**Where there is injury, your pardon Lord**

**And where there’s doubt true faith in you**

**Make me a channel of your peace**

**Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope**

**Where there is darkness, only light**

**And where there’s sadness ever joy**

***O master grant that I may never seek***

***So much to be consoled as to console***

***To be understood as to understand***

***To be loved as to love with all my soul***

**Make me a channel of your peace**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned**

**In giving to all men that we receive**

**And in dying that we’re born to eternal life**

**Coming Expectantly**

*Sowing in the Spirit:* -Isaiah 55

Sometimes, we can be impatient for the seeds which God plants in our lives to grow. God’s timing is not our timing and yet we can be sure that his word will bear fruit. Listen to some words which came to one member of our church family as she prayed about this week….

SONG:

**Come set Your rule and reign**

**In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray**

**Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us**

**We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause**

**We are Your church
We pray revive this earth**

***Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here We pray***

 **Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ**

**We are Your church
We are the hope on earth**

**Blessing**