



The **Leaders of Worship** and **Preachers Trust**

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LWPT Sunday ORDER OF SERVICE

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) provides resources, training and grants for preachers and leaders of worship of all ages and Christian denominations.

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Welcome

In our service today we will be giving thanks to God for his gift of worship. We will also be giving thanks for the work of the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust.

Hymn

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness - John S.B.Monsell

Prayer

Loving Father, you created us to be your children and to spend time with you. In the beginning we were together in the garden, where we could walk and fellowship with you. But because of our pride and disobedience we lost the intimacy that was meant to be the core of our relationship.

However, you never left us. Your purpose was always to bring us back to a full relationship where love and intimacy would be restored. When you called together a people for your name, you showed them that until your perfect will was restored, they should be a people with worship at their heart. The Tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was always to be in the centre of their camp. Later, after Christ's sacrifice on the cross, you called all your people to be priests and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they had Christ within them, the hope of glory. So, today, we dedicate this time to be in your presence, to give and receive, to seek your will and to have our lives shaped to your will and purpose.

Lord, use the words spoken, sung, read and declared, as

well as the silences, to be doors, and windows to vistas of all you would have us learn and know of you and your will for us. **Amen**

Let us now ask for God's forgiveness and renewal.

Heavenly Father, when you created each one of us, we were meant to be people for your name, made in your image, to proclaim your love and mercy through all we are and do. Forgive us Father, that we have fallen so short of your will for us that we are often the reason others struggle to believe in you, the loving God of the Bible.

All: Father, forgive us and restore your image and purpose in us.

Father, you made us to be your children, to be your family; but we, like the Prodigal Son, have taken your gifts and gone our own way. We have lost our desire to love and spend time in your presence. We have exchanged the life-giving power of your loving presence for the world's transient pleasures.

Enthuse us, once again, with desire to spend all our time in your presence.

All: Father, forgive us, and restore your image and purpose in us.

Lord you created us to be brothers and sisters to each other, to recognise each other's needs and to love each

walk by on the other side while others are in need. Poverty, loneliness, violence, and dishonesty are weeds that should never grow in the garden of the Christian life. Lord, forgive us when we sow them or are unprepared to remove them from our lives, churches and nations.

All: Father, forgive us, and restore your image and purpose in us.

Father, forgive us and cleanse us from all that separates us from you or prevents us from proclaiming your glory and working for your kingdom here on earth. **Amen**

Hymn

I will offer up my life - Matt Redman (Thankyou music)

Prayer

Almighty Father, in the wonder of your creation, you have made each one of your children equally precious and unique in your heart. But each one is called to a special place in your purposes. We thank you for those who are called to lead in acts of worship. Help us all to be sensitive to your Holy Spirit at work within us and those around us.

With your call comes the provision of gifts and resources to fulfil that calling. Bless, guide and inspire all those who provide teaching to those training to be leaders of worship, be they in universities, colleges or local tutorial groups. Bless, also, those called to preach and proclaim your Word. Teach us all how to make our whole lives into our worship of you.

To this end let us say together the Lord's Prayer.

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn

Jesus, You are changing me - Marilyn Baker (Authentic Publishing)

Readings

Isaiah 6:1-9 Colossians 3:12-17 John 4:19-24

Hymn

Here I am Lord - Daniel L Schutte (OCP)

Sermon

Prayer

Let us pray for God's people.

Holy and loving Father, we thank you for calling and gifting all those who lead our worship and preach your Word. We ask your continued blessing on them and the anointing of your Holy Spirit to inspire and lead them into all truth. We also pray for the work of the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust. We give thanks for the

vision which called it into being. Bless, we pray, the trustees and staff and all others who share in their ministry. Lord, please inspire the ministry of *Preach* magazine and all connected with its distribution. Direct the path of LWPT in the coming years that it may always be in your will. Give wisdom to those who direct the choice of other organisations with whom it might work in partnership. Please help in discerning the best ways to use modern technologies in worship, so that the reality of your presence among us is never lost. Help all who lead worship and preach to be able to reach the hearts of all to whom they speak.

Please, Lord, continue to move the hearts of Christians in all denominations to see their donations and legacies to LWPT as part of fulfilling your purpose to improve the quality of empowering worship in our churches and chapels. May there always be sufficient resources to meet the requests for training, hardship grants and other needs.

Father, we remember our brothers and sisters around the world persecuted for their faith who have no safe place to meet for worship. Sustain them in their hour of need and may we look to their needs: material, spiritual and political.

Finally, Lord, thank you that you call all Christians to be priests and to worship you in every part of our lives,. May we seek to make worship, prayer and study of your Word a daily occurrence in our lives.

Offering

Prayer

All: Loving and gracious God, today you set before me life and death.

Because you have chosen me, in Christ, I am free to choose you, and I do.

Because you loved me first, I am free to love you, and I do.

Because you gave your Son to die for my sins, I am free to choose to have his Life (Love In service Ffaithfully Employed) within me, and I do.

Today, I choose LIFE. Amen

Blessing

Go now, in the love of God, your Father. May all that you think and do reflect your love and worship of him. And may the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain on and in you and all whom you love. **Amen**

Hymn

*How deep the Father's love for us - Stuart Townend
(Thankyou Music)*



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