



Bible Sunday

Call to worship:

Psalm 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

O Holy Voice,

You chant, and creation comes into life;

O Divine Breath

You breathe and all things spring to life;

O Consecrated Word,

You call and creation is sustained;

O Divine Flesh,

You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;

O Holy Spirit,

You include all that has been formed;

O Divine Life,

You are the pulse of all that is.

Statement of Faith

We gather in faith being mindful of the pains and burdens we carry.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Give thanks to the LORD, because He is good, and his love is eternal.

We sing praises to the LORD, and we proclaim that the Most High is God for justice and peace.

We believe that, in Jesus, God was revealed in human flesh,

We stand in awe of the wonders you have performed.

Call to Confession:

Lord, so often we try to be faithful and fruitful believers,

But more often we find ourselves following the opinion of the wicked and taking the trails of sinners.

Lord today again we receive your vision of life

We admit that we have been visionless to its world-wide heartbeat,

We know that you could restore a broken world

We find ourselves blown about like restless leaves in the dead of winter.

Restore us dear Lord and heal our land.

Once again we turn to God and acknowledge that striking out on our own hasn't worked so well, and we seek divine forgiveness and guidance.

O God restore our faith in you;

Forgive us the times that we turned away from you because of our own insecurities.

Forgive us dear Lord.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Prayer/Collect

Almighty and eternal God

We thank you for over 200 years of Bible Society work in South Africa, made possible by your amazing grace.

We pray for your ongoing guidance and blessing on the work of Bible Society, in South Africa and throughout the United Bible Societies Fellowship, so that all the people of our land, and all the people of the earth, may hear you speaking to them in their own heart language.

Strengthen us to meet the Bible needs of our generation, through our translation projects and through affordable Bible distribution in all formats. Bless those who give freely to make this possible. We pray for unity as we work together with the vision of a Bible in every hand and your Word in every heart.

May your Word be “a light unto our path” and a beacon of hope for all. May your Name be glorified as your Word fulfils the purpose for which you send it.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen