**Morning Prayer**

 **Sunday** **3rd May**

**Preparation**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All*   **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All*   **Amen.**

**Confession**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So, let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*All*   **Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*   **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts chapter 2, verses 42-47

John chapter 10, verses 1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*   **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Today’s sermon and words from the prayer team can be found on the UPC website*

**The Creed**

*All*   **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Intercessions**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All*   **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 Conclusion**

*All*   **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**be with us all evermore. Amen**