

## FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

### Gathering

O God, be not far from us.  
**Come quickly to help us, O God.**  
Our God is full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come let us worship.**

Hymn       Kindle a flame/Don't be afraid

### Word

#### Genesis 35.9-15

<sup>35.9</sup> God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and he blessed him. <sup>10</sup> God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall you be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he was called Israel. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you. <sup>12</sup> The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." <sup>13</sup> Then God went up from him at the place where he had spoken with him. <sup>14</sup> Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured out a drink offering on it, and poured oil on it. <sup>15</sup> So Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation Beautiful Things

### Litany

God of compassion, answer us in the day of trouble,  
**send us help from your holy place.**

Show us the path of life,  
**for in your presence is joy.**

Give justice to the orphaned and oppressed

**and break the power of wickedness and evil.**

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful  
**and grant them the help for which they long.**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;  
**may your glory endure for ever.**

You have dominion over all  
**and with you is our redemption.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God  
and gathering our prayers and praises  
into the many languages God has given us,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*or*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy 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 thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn      Great is thy Faithfulness

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**