

## **PRBC – Sunday, 17 January 2021.**

**Gathering:** Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Your words are the words of everlasting life.  
Lord God, we come together from our separateness  
and from a variety of situations.  
You know what these are  
and what each of us needs to hear at this time.  
Make us ready for the word that will bring life.  
Come heavenly Father and show us your love.  
Come Lord Jesus, and fill us with your grace.  
Come Holy Spirit in your gentle power.  
The whole earth is full of God's glory, let your glory fill our lives.  
God's holiness touches earth, touch us in this time of worship.

**Hymn of adoration and praise:** BPW 68: Praise to the Lord.

**Prayer of adoration:** Blessed be the god and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who has blessed us un Christ with every spiritual blessing.  
God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.  
God destined us to be his children through his love.  
Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father.  
In him we have redemption through his blood.  
In him we have the forgiveness of our sins  
According to the riches of his grace which he has lavished on us.  
In Christ is set forth the mystery of his will,  
That in the fulness of time all things, in heaven and earth  
will be united in him.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the seal and guarantee of God's love in his Son.  
In the Spirit we know our inheritance.  
In the Spirit we are being renewed daily in Christ.  
Blessed be god, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit.

**Prayer of confession and grace:**

For words spoken, for deeds undone;  
For words not spoken and deeds not done;  
For grace not offered and love not expressed, forgive us good Lord.  
Grant in your mercy and steadfast love, that the Holy Spirit may overcome these and  
all our weaknesses, that, we rejoicing in your forgiveness may serve you in faith, hope and  
love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymn introducing the Word:** BPW 122: God moves in a mysterious way.

**Scripture reading: Old Testament – Isaiah 49. 1-7.** The Servant's mission.

**Jill Walker**

**New Testament – Luke 2. 22-39.** The Presentation of Christ

**Jill Walker**

**Sermon.**

**Hymn of response:** BPW 395: The Lord is my Shepherd.

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Clive and Florence Morton**

**Lord's Prayer.**

**Hymn of affirmation:** BPW 381: I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship.

**Dismissal.** Lord Christ, your light shines in our darkness, giving gladness in our sorrow and a presence in  
our isolation; we pray you to fill our lives with your mystery, until our hearts overflow with gladness and  
praise, for you are the beginning and end of all that exist, and you live for evermore.  
And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.  
Amen.

Paul Ballard.