



Lichfield Bishops' Clergy Conference

Gathering Worship

Monday 23rd April 2018

Gathering Music: Come to the Well – Casting Crowns

(The Pascal Candle is processed to the front and lit)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We meet in the name of God,

Who knows our needs and heals our wounds.

Glory to the Father, & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LITANY OF HOPE

With the eyes and hearts of faith we look upon our world and we proclaim together:

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We acknowledge Your beauty and goodness in every created thing.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We move out of the shadows to follow you and walk in the light of true life.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We celebrate Your compassion as revealed by so many who care for those who are poor and marginalised.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We renew our commitment to care for one another, as siblings and friends on a journey.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We prepare to welcome Your coming once more into the very heart of our lives & vocations.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

We unite our voices with those in heaven and on earth to rejoice that You, our God, dwells among us in love.

Christ who was, who is, and who is to come,

you are our light and our hope.

Taking hold once more of the promises of God, our inheritance of hope passed from generation to generation,

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

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.

As a hopeful people,
For all that has been;
All that is;
And all that is to come;
Thanks be to God.

Our shared hope leads us once again along paths which are well worn,
overgrown, lightly trodden and as yet uncharted.

By grace alone,
We will walk the way of Christ.

We say together and to one another:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all now and for evermore. Amen.