FREEDOM SUNDAY

GOD’S PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A LITURGICAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP
GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

One: The freedom of the Peace of the Lord be always with you
All: And also with you

HYMN
(To see some suggestions for appropriate hymns, click here.)

PRAYER

Let us pray.

We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of glory, may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know and worship him this day.

May the eyes of our heart enlightened, Bring us to know what is the hope to which we have been called, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power for us who believe.

God as you put this power to work in Christ when you raised him from the dead, and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, You have put all things under his feet and have made him the head over all things for the church, We are his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all and brings freedom to all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said, ‘‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’’ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’’

Lord, have mercy on us: and by your Holy Spirit empower us to love you, and all our neighbours by bringing freedom to all in bondage.

God of love and liberty, We pray this Freedom Sunday That you may instil your will and your ways, In your people, and in all people. That justice may roll down like waters, And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Open our hearts to those in slavery, That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay And will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading
Jeremiah 34:8-17

Epistle Reading
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

HYMN

Gospel Reading
Luke 4:14-20

The Creed is said here or after the sermon with the people standing.

SERMON
(To see some suggestion sermon outlines, click here.)

HYMN

A song or hymn may follow.

OFFERING
An offering may be taken here.

We pray for your church that they may accept the faith, grace and love,
That you freely and generously give
so that as we join together in the ongoing mission of Christ;
And that we may see unity and truth being shared together,
For the sake of service to your world
And the glory of your holy name.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our pray

We give you thanks for the saints that have gone before,
who gave their lives for the abolition of slavery,
and the freedom and dignity of all people.
By your grace may we follow their example and the calling of your Holy Spirit,
to share together in bringing in your will for the world.
Father, hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the conclusion of the prayers the minister may say

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,
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.

COMMUNION HYMN

COMMUNION
In accordance with the liturgies of your church
SENDING OUT

Go out in peace and bring freedom to all we find and affect.
Be anointed to bring good news to the poor,
proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free and proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.
Go out with the peace of God, the purpose of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit.
To love and serve the world.
In the name of Christ. Amen.