All Age Communion Service - 11 May 2025 - Theme - HOPE

Collect:

You.

Lord, we find hope in Your unfailing love.

Your love is the rock we can stand upon, and it never wavers

Even in the midst of trials and tribulations, we are secure in Your love.

Fill us with hope, that we may face each day with confidence and trust in

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

First reading: Psalm 27: 1-4, 13-14:

The Lord is my light and the one who saves me.

So why should I fear anyone? The Lord protects my life.

So why should I be afraid?

Evil people may try to destroy my body.

My enemies and those who hate me attack me.
But they are overwhelmed and defeated.

If an army surrounds me,
I will not be afraid.
If war breaks out,
I will trust the Lord.

I ask only one thing from the Lord.

This is what I want: Let me live in the Lord's house all my life. Let me see the Lord's beauty. Let me look around in his Temple.

I truly believe

I will live to see the Lord's goodness.

Wait for the Lord's help.

Be strong and brave
and wait for the Lord's help.

Second reading 1 Peter: 3-6, 8-9:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has great mercy, and because of his mercy he gave us a new life.

He gave us a living hope because Jesus Christ rose from death.

Now we hope for the blessings God has for his children.

These blessings are kept for you in heaven.

They cannot be destroyed or be spoiled or lose their beauty. God's power protects you through your faith, and it keeps you safe until your salvation comes.

That salvation is ready to be given to you at the end of time. This makes you very happy.

You have not seen Christ, but still you love him.

You cannot see him now, but you believe in him.

You are filled with a joy that cannot be explained.

And that joy is full of glory. Your faith has a goal, to save

And you are receiving that goal - your salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 12: 15b – 21

Many people followed Jesus, and he healed all who were sick. But Jesus warned the people not to tell who he was. He did these things to make come true what Isaiah the prophet had said:

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen.

I love him, and I am pleased with him.

I will put my Spirit in him. Then he will tell how I will judge all people fairly.

He will not argue or shout.

No one will hear his voice in the streets.

He will not break a crushed blade of grass.

He will not put out even a weak flame.

He will continue until he makes fair judgment win the victory.

In him will the nations find hope."

Post-Communion:

Our souls rest in Jesus, he came to show us his love. We place our trust in Him to strengthen us, build us up in hope, and help us to grow in love