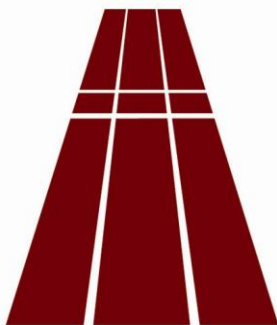


# St Lawrence's Church, Denton



**RUN THE RACE**  
Look to Jesus

**Songs of Praise**  
**30<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

# Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

## **Hymn 510 Morning has broken**

Chosen because it is the start of a new day.

## **Recollection**

We recall Bishop Nigel's visit to us 12 months ago, his commission to us, and our responses to that during the past year.

## **Hymn 40 Angel voices ever singing**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Hymn 43 As the deer pants for the water**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

## **Hymn 152 Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall be shown mercy.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You satisfy those who hunger for righteousness and justice:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name,  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*God's forgiveness is declared*

## **Pilgrimage Prayer**

**Eternal God,**

**you call us to be a pilgrim people,  
grant that we may run the race that is set before us  
with stronger faith, firmer hope and greater love;  
that, persevering to the end,  
we in our generation,  
may bear the baton of the Gospel  
with our eyes fixed on Jesus.  
Amen.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall be shown mercy.

**Hymn 91      Brother, sister, let me serve you**

First heard at Spring Harvest and it's been a favourite since.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

**Hymn 563      How great thou art**

Celebration of Beryl's work as Church Warden

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

**Hymn 62      Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Sung at our daughter's wedding and words very meaningful to everyone.

'Blessed again'

**Reading      I Corinthians 1:26 - end      (p 1145)**

**Hymn 454      Lord for the years**

Verses 3&4 bring home the emptiness of life without God - like the tune as well

**Closing responses**

The Cross **We shall take it**  
The bread **We shall break it**  
The pain **We shall bear it**  
The joy **We shall share it**  
The Gospel **We shall live it**  
The Love **We shall give it**  
The Light **We shall cherish it**  
The darkness **God shall perish it**

**The Blessing**