

**June 3 Intercessions Pentecost 2**

*If we are not ready to listen to the truth, we will not hear it.*

God has drawn us down many different routes to this shared worship today.  
Let us still our bodies and alert our minds and hearts in his presence.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:  
Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, we are only the Body of Christ because your Spirit binds us together with your life. Give us real concern and love for one another, supportive and encouraging, without malice or bickering, so that we can be sent out strong in our weakness and littleness. (pause)  
Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, all the kingdoms and states are answerable to your authority and much evil is allowed to flourish through the silence of good people; give us all the courage to speak out your truth, whether it is popular or not. (pause)  
Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, be in all our listening at home, on the phone, at school and at work; may we give our full attention to you and to one another, happy to grow wiser through each conversation. (pause)  
Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose pain screams silently and incessantly; for those who have no one to confide in, no one to listen. We pray for your love to enfold them, your peace to calm them and your healing to transform them.  
(pause) Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, prepare us all during this life for the life to come; we commend to your keeping all those who have recently made their journey through death.  
(pause) Give us your grace: **to hear your word with joy.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for making your ways known to us and guiding us into your truth.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**