

10.00 am Sunday Service



31 October 2021

Welcome

Prayer – Psalm 95

Holy, Creating, Creative God,
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.
We sing from the abundance of our joy.
We sing in voices separate and unique.
We sing with one voice as your body.
May the words of our mouths,
whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts,
whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in your sight. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: Psalm 95:1-2

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Song: Joyful, Joyful we Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,

Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!
Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Puppets

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Reading: John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Song: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son
Cleansing our souls from all their sin
Pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus, our love for you we sing
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Born as one with us Mary's Son
Led out to die on Calvary
Risen from death to set us free
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you
live my life for you Son of God
All your commands I know are true
Your many gifts will make me new
Into my life your power breaks through
Living Lord

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Song: Because He lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone
Because I know, He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because he lives**

How sweet to hold a new born baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives

And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives

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Offering Prayer

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world.
You fill our emptiness with your goodness.
You come to our weakness with your strength.
Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest
of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment. **Amen**

The Confession

Heavenly Father,

You have loved us with an everlasting love,

But we have broken your holy laws

And have left undone what we ought to have done.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,

Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,

Forgiving all who humbly repent

And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord

God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus,

In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: Mark 10:45

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Song: Servant King

From heav'n You came helpless babe

Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

This is our God the Servant King

He calls us now to follow Him

To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails Surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

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Prayers for the Church and our World

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power
for you created all things, making us in your own image.
We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross and rising to new life
offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death
and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.
Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise:
**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour
and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending out of God's People

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Notices

Bible Reading: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Song: Pass it on

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That’s how it is with God’s Love,
Once you’ve experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That’s how it is with God’s love,
Once you’ve experienced it.
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I’ve found;
You can depend on God it matters not where you’re bound,
I’ll shout it from the mountain top
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

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Bible Reading: Revelation 5:5

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Song: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven, and ever more will reign
At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You
And the eyes of all men,
Will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified,
With wisdom and mercy and justice
You'll reign at Your Father's side

**And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords**

There's a shield in our hand, and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits, that cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us, for these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side

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The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. **Amen.**