

**Sunday Morning
10.00 am Service**



12 December 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for all his loving kindness to me day by day.

Great is our God and worthy to be praised

The Mighty One has done great things for me; holy is his name.

Let it be to me according to your word.

God's mercy reaches to all those who fear him, in every generation.

Great is our God and worthy to be praised

The Lord has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has humbled those who are haughty and proud

Let it be to me according to your word.

God has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the poor and lowly

Great is our God and worthy to be praised

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

Let it be to me according to your word.

God has kept his promises: He has helped his servant Israel,
and shown mercy to Abraham and his descendants forever

Great is our God and worthy to be praised.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did
as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but
had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;^[b] and he
named him Jesus.

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Message

Song: From Heaven you Came

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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Thanks for the Offering

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation.

Prayer of 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.**

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**

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son, and life giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and
splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image and endowed us with
creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy,
giving law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and
place, singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. .**

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of
Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin,
and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to
glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his
friends, his companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take eat; this is my body'.

He took the cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, Which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me'.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who may eat or drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us

With the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service. We who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives;

we who have seen the greatness of your love

See you face to face in your kingdom

And come to worship you with all your saints 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.**

Notices

Song: Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive its king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love

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The Blessing