

Sunday 10.00 am Service

But you are a chosen
people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
God's special possession,
that you may declare
the praises of him who
called you out of
darkness into his
wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

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Welcome

Call to Worship

We come to worship and praise our God,
and to learn more about the wonders of our God.

How great and wonderful is our compassionate God.

We come, with ears and hearts open to God,
ready to discover more of God's mysteries and miracles.

How generous and caring is our unchanging God.

We gather to share together in our common history,
and to experience the enrichment which that brings us.

**All praise and honour to God for past and present
blessings, and for God's merciful love and grace. Amen.**

Song: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

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Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

Multi-age Talk

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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Message

Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone

**Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Faultless stand before the throne

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

In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to Almighty God
Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness
of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of forgiveness

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him
in faith, pardon us and set us free from all our sins, strengthen us to
do his will, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin

And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,

And with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,

This bread and wine and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,

we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and

blood. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and when he

had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Take, eat. This is my body 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 shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
His one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

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.

Notices

Song: Shout to The Lord

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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The Blessing

Now unto him, who is able to keep,
Able to keep you from falling.
And present you faultless,
Before the presence of your glory
With exceeding joy.
To the only wise God our Saviour,
Be glory and majesty
Dominion and power

Both now and forever. Amen