

# 10am Sunday Service (O3)

## 29 January 2023

### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Come before the Lord with joyful songs,  
because he is good, because he is generous, because we lack nothing.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

Serve the Lord with gladness, because of his greatness and justice,  
because he puts an end to war, and to all forms of violence.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

Come before the Lord with joy  
because he is faithful to his promises, because his Word is eternal.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

Know that the Lord is God, and we are his people,  
his community, his family.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

It is he who has made us to the praise of his name, and therefore today, in  
the same spirit, we have a festival to celebrate his peace.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

#### Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise, Sing praise sing praise

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, Forever forever**

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

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### **Song: Holy Is the Lord**

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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**Multi-age (Bec)**

### **Bible Reading: Joshua 2.1-21 (Pat)**

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the whole land." But the woman took the two men and hid them.<sup>[a]</sup> Then she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them." She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land and that dread of you has fallen on us and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them and deliver our lives from death." The men said to her, "Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land." Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, "Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way." The

men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent, but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.” She said, “According to your words, so be it.” She sent them away, and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

### **Message (Sue)**

#### **Offering Song: Great is your Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

## **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.

## **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.**

## **Prayers for the Church and our World (Bec)**

### **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,  
thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are living members of Christ's body.

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**

#### **Song: Days Of Elijah**

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

**Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes**

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days, Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

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**Blessing**