10.00 am Sunday Morning Service 02T2 14 May 2023 – Mother's Day

Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it!

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory! You are our God, and we will praise you; You are our God, and we will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful loves endures forever!

Song: Give Thanks

Give Thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy one
Give Thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

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Song: Jesus, God's Righteousness Revealed

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed, The Son of Man, the Son of God, His kingdom comes. Jesus, redemption's sacrifice, Now glorified, now justified, His kingdom comes.

And His kingdom will have no end,
And His glory shall know no bounds,
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come,
And this kingdom's reign, and this kingdom's rule,
And this kingdom's power and authority,
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.

Jesus, the expression of God's love, The grace of God, The word of God, Revealed to us. Jesus, God's holiness displayed, Now glorified, Now justified, His kingdom comes.

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Puppets (Toby and Grandma)

You tube: Mother's Day interview

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 1 (Robyn R)

1 There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite^[a] from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. ⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, ⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double

portion^[b] because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. ^[c] Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, ^[d] and no razor shall touch his head."

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." 15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." 18 And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went her way and ate and drank with her husband, [e] and her countenance was sad no longer. [f] ¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." [g] 23 Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish your [h] word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, [i] an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh, and the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence praying to the Lord. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." And they worshiped the Lord there.

Message

Offering Song: I am Carried

Day by day and hour by hour, your love for me from heaven flows. Like streams of water in the desert, living waters flow. You walk beside me, gently guiding, Leading me through every storm, Everlasting, never changing, grace and love divine.

Mercy's healing grace relieving every spot and every stain.

Forgiven freely. No more guilty. Love has conquered shame.

The broken mended, night has ended, lost and lonely, lost no more,

For I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

I am held by hands of healing, washed by water pure.

Lifting up my heavy heart, held in grace scarred hands. I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

Never worthy, never earning, all my works now left behind. Ever onwards, ever upwards, you've called me on to rise Above my darkness, all my failure, every fear and every pain, Always carried, always covered by grace and love divine.

I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

I am held by hands of healing, washed by water pure.

Lifting up my heavy heart held in grace scarred hands.

I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

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Thanks for the Offering

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

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 us in Christ Jesus, In whom there is no condemnation. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World (Jaq)

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.

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 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: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord...