

# 10.00 am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

18 June 2023

## Welcome

### Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!  
Remember that our God is the only God—  
the One who made us,  
the One who sustains us,  
the One whose Spirit lives within us.  
Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving;  
and come into God's presence with praise.  
For God is good,  
with unfailing love that lasts forever,  
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

### 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,  
Centre 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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### **Song: All Heaven Declares**

All Heaven Declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

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### **Multi Age (Sue)**

### **Prayer for Children (Christine)**

## **Bible Reading: Acts 12.1-24 (Pat T)**

**12** About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. **2** He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. **3** After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) **4** When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. **5** While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

**6** The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. **7** Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. **8** The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." **9** Peter<sup>[a]</sup> went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. **10** After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. **11** Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

**12** As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. **13** When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. **14** On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. **15** They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." **16** Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate they saw him and were amazed. **17** He motioned to them with

his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

<sup>18</sup> When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.

<sup>20</sup> Now Herod<sup>[b]</sup> was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body, and after winning over Blastus, the king's personal attendant, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. <sup>22</sup> The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a mortal!" <sup>23</sup> And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

<sup>24</sup> But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.

## Message

### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering Song: Oh let the Son of God**

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

**Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs**

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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**Thanks for the Offering**

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days,  
may we not grow weary of doing what is right,  
but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,

healing the broken, feeding the hungry,  
and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart  
and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. **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 us in Christ Jesus,  
In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

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

#### **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 (Metche & Christine to assist)**

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.**

Loving God,  
We thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may enjoy  
its bounty. Lord our God  
**We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that when we turned away from you, You sent Jesus to  
live and work as one of us and bring us back to you. He showed us how  
to love you and set us free to love and serve one another.  
Lord our God,  
**We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away all our sin,  
All that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust.  
Lord our God,  
**We give you thanks and praise**

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
With all the saints and angels, we rejoice and 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 we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;  
May we who receive them, as Jesus said,  
share the body and his blood.  
On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat,  
this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **Prayers**

Living God, In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
Which we have known in word and sacrament,  
Continue your saving work among us,  
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
And bring us to the joys you promise.

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: To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.



**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory!  
Great things he has done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God!  
and every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son!  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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## **The Blessing**