

# Sunday 10.00 am Service (O2T1)

## 1 October 2023

Welcome

### Call to Worship

It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night.**

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;  
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

**For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

### Song: God of Wonders

Lord of all creation Lord of water, earth and sky

The heavens are your Tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy**

**The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy**

**Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light

As I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night

**Chorus**

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x3)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x4)

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### **Song: Lord I come to You**

Lord I come to you, Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I found in you  
And, Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of your love

**Hold me close, let your love surround me,  
Bring me near, draw me to your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle  
And I will soar with you  
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love**

Lord unveil my eyes, Let me see you face to face  
The knowledge of your love as you live in me  
Lord renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day in the power of your love

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### **God at Work (Sue)**

### **Prayer for Children**

### **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.

**Old Testament Bible Reading: 1 Kings 17:1-24 (Merylin W)**

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe<sup>[a]</sup> in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”<sup>2</sup> The word of the LORD came to him, saying,<sup>3</sup> “Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.<sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”<sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.<sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi.<sup>7</sup> But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,<sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”<sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”<sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The

jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.<sup>18</sup> She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”<sup>19</sup> But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed.<sup>20</sup> He cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?”<sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”<sup>22</sup> The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.<sup>23</sup> Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.”<sup>24</sup> So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

## **Message**

### **Offering Song: This I Believe - The Creed**

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One  
God Almighty, Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour

**I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

Our judge and our defender, Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You, Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life, Forever seated high  
I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

**I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

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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**

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,**

**And in what we have failed to do:**

**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 (Colin L)

### 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 (Jaq and Christine to help)

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: 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**