10.00 am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5) 17 September 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Praise be to God,

who rescues us from the power of darkness;

who redeems us, and sets us free!

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth.

Praise be to the Spirit of God,

whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.

Behold! I am making all things new!

Come, O God, and make your home among us.

Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I love to sing your praises

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift your name on High

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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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Multi Age

Prayer for Children

Bible Reading: Luke 4:38-43 (Pat T)

³⁸ After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. ³⁹ Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ As the sun was setting, all those caring for any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.^[a]

⁴² At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds began looking for him, and when they reached him they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said to them, "I must proclaim the

good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

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: 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

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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

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 (Nat & 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.

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,

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

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 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: 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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Blessing