

10.00 am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

15 October 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship

We praise Creation's God:

Blessing and honour, glory and power!

Let each single voice praise God:

Blessing and honour, glory and power!

Let all voices together praise God:

Blessing and honour, glory and power!

Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

Blessing and honour, glory and power!

With all Creation we praise God:

Blessing and honour, glory and power!

Song: Joyful Joyful

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: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Multi Age (Gaylene Harrower)

Prayer for Children (Sue)

Bible Reading: 1 Kings 19.1-18 (Pat Tan)

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid;^[a] he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you

arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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: God Forgave My Sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus name, I've been born again in Jesus name
And in Jesus name I come to you, to share his love as He told me to

**He said freely, freely give
Go in my name and because you believe
Others will know that I live**

All power is given in Jesus name, in earth and heaven in Jesus name
And in Jesus name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to

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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 (Zilpha)

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 (Zilpha and Karin 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