10.00 am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5) 19 November 2023 with APM following

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.

For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 Give thanks with a grateful heart. 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: Above All

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what you're worth

Crucified, laid behind the stone You lived to die, rejected and alone Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall, and thought of me, Above all

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Multi Age (Sue)

Prayer for Children (Sue)

Bible Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 (Ingrid)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ^[b] rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[c] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^{[d] 17} And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through 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: What a Beautiful Name it is

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

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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 & Christine)

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: Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining Jesus Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us Shine on me shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me try me consume all my darkness Shine on me shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story Shine on me shine on me

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The Blessing