

10am Sunday Service (O3)

28 January 2024

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: Strength will rise

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever, Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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

Chorus

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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Puppets

Prayer for Children (Karin)

Bible Reading: Hebrews 4.1-14 (Colin)

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For indeed the good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them because they were not united by faith with those who listened.^[a] ³ For we who have believed are entering that rest, just as God^[b] has said,
“As in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ”

though his works were finished since the foundation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere it speaks about the seventh day as follows, “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this place it says, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he sets a certain day—“today”—saying through David much later, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God^[c] would not speak later about another day. ⁹ So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God, ¹⁰ for those who enter God’s^[d] rest also rest from their labors as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs. ¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Message

Offering Song: 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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Offering Prayer

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world.
You fill our emptiness with your goodness.
You come to our weakness with your strength.
Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest
of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.

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 (Christine)

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.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power
for you created all things, making us in your own image.
We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross and rising to new life
offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore, we lift our voices to 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, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is 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 which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death
and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.
Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise:
**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour
and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending out of God's People

Gracious God,

thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and that we are living members of Christ's body.

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 (Sue)

Song: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, The Lamb who was slain

You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign

At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim

You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb

Who was crucified

With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side

And the angels will cry hail the Lamb

Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r

And the earth will reply You shall reign

As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side

There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied

'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died

For the nations who gather before You

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb

Who was crucified

Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side

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Blessing