

# **Sunday Morning Service**

**14 January 2024**

## Welcome

### Prayer

Lord God,

Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name.

We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, living Lord.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence,

hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

### Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise, sing praise sing praise

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong**

**Forever God is with us, forever forever**

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

And by the grace of God, we will carry on

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

**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**  
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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**  
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**The Name of Jesus**

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## **Multi- Age Talk (Natalie)**

### **Bible Reading: Hebrews 2:1-18**

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the message declared through angels proved valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, <sup>3</sup> how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was confirmed for us by those who heard him, <sup>4</sup> while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, “What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?”

<sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower<sup>[d]</sup> than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God<sup>[f]</sup> left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **Message**

## **Song: This is Amazing Grace**

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

**(So) remember Your people**  
**Remember Your children**  
**Remember Your promise O God**

**Your grace is enough, your grace is enough**  
**Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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## **Thanks for the Offering**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

## **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:**

**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 (Natalie)**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,

always and everywhere,

for with your only begotten Son, and life giving Spirit,

you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing

a universe of beauty and splendour,

bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female,

in your image and endowed us with creative power.  
We turned away from you  
but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out,  
making a covenant of mercy, giving law,  
and teaching justice by the prophets.  
And so we praise you,  
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,  
singing the eternal song:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.  
Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things,  
even to death on a cross,  
breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin and putting death to flight.  
You raised him from death, exalting him to glory,  
and the new day dawned.  
On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,  
his companions on the way.  
While at the table he took bread, blessed, and broke it,  
and giving it to them, said: 'Take eat; this is my body'.  
He took the cup of wine, and, giving thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
'This is my blood of the covenant,  
Which is poured out for many.  
Do this in remembrance of me'.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup we celebrate  
his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who may eat or drink at this table  
may be strengthened  
by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

### **Prayer**

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us  
With the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service.  
We who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
See you face to face in your kingdom  
And come to worship you with all your saints 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: Send us Out**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to shine your light in the way we live.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
as we've received, may we freely give

**Send us out, send us out, send us out for your glory.  
Let all we do be praise to you; send us out for your glory**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to show your love everywhere we go.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives, a living sacrifice,  
we're living for your glory and your praise.  
We're taking up our cross, we've counted up the cost,  
we're living for your glory and your praise.

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## **The Blessing**