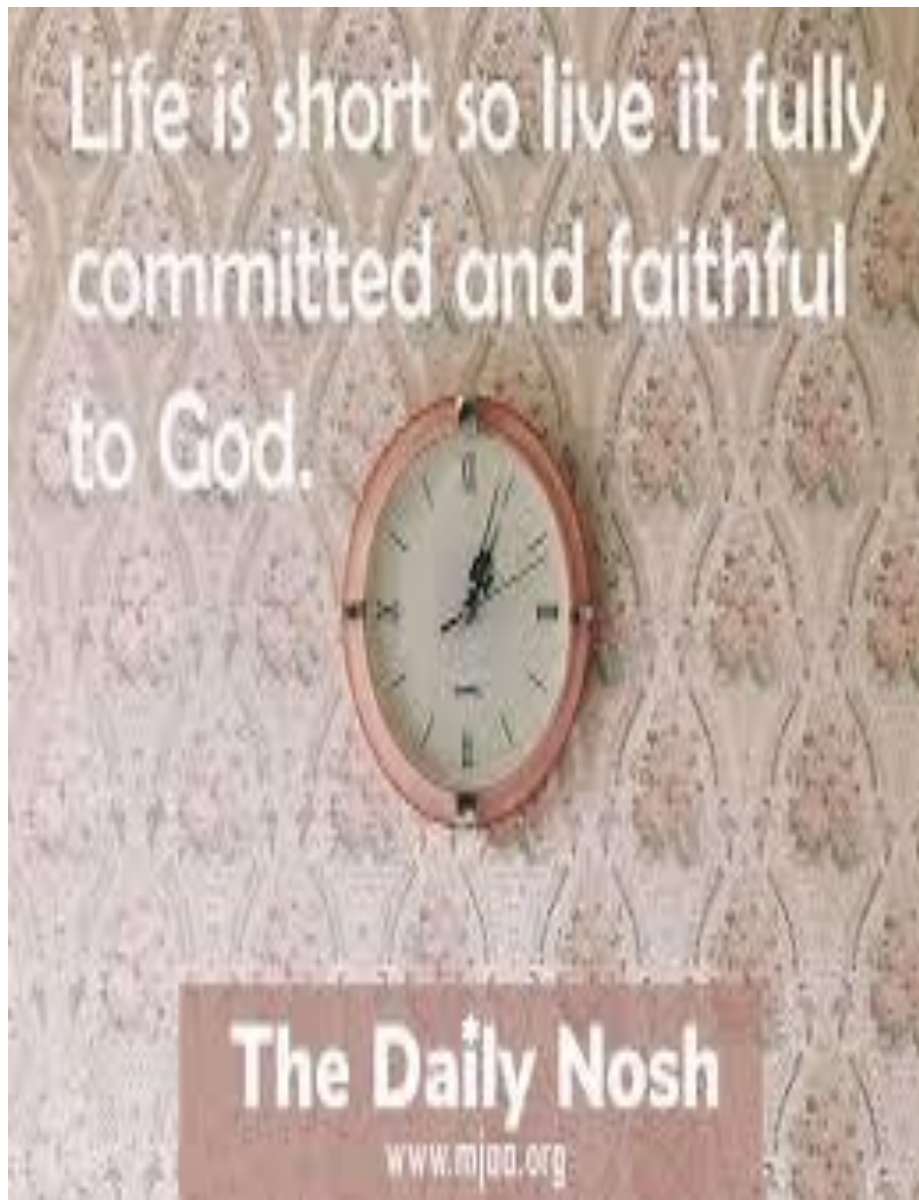


Sunday Morning 10.00 am Service



7 January 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.”

We gather to praise you!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”.

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.”

We gather to celebrate you!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

And God saw that it was good...”

We gather to celebrate our God.

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.”

We gather to worship you!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

And God saw that it was very good...”

We gather to worship our God!

All praise, honour, majesty and power

belongs to our Creating God! Amen

Song: Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God, Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now

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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Baptism (Sue)

Bible Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14 (Merylin Weston)

² Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,
'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'?

Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
'Let all God's angels worship him.'

⁷ Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'

⁸ But of the Son he says,

'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

¹⁰ And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;
¹² like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be
changed.
But you are the same, and your years will never end.'
¹³ But to which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'?
¹⁴ Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the
sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Message

Offering Song: This Kingdom (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.

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.**

Prayer of Absolution

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 you in Christ Jesus,
In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen**

Prayers for the Church and our World (Colin Lloyd)

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 (Natalie and Lissie)

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: 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