Sunday 10am Service (O2T1) 3 March 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 19

Come into this sacred space to worship God whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure. Come into this holy place to worship God whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgements are true.

Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide. Come — let us worship God.

Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God. Amen.

Song: Ancient of Days

Blessing and honour, Glory and power Be to the Ancient of Days; From every nation, All of creation, Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth Shall declare your glory, Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship; You will be exalted, O God, And your Kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth Sing to the ancient of days. For none can compare to Your matchless worth Sing to the ancient of days.

Yet Not I

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy my righteousness and freedom My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Multi-age – God at Work

Prayer for Children (Jaqueline)

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Bible reading: Mark 14.10-25 (Merylin W)

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread^[a] into the bowl^[b] with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the^[C] covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Message

Offering Song: It is Well with my Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well it is well with my soul It is well it is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come Let this blest assurance control That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't My sin not in part but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more Praise the Lord Praise the Lord O my soul

But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait The sky not the grave is our goal Oh trump of the angel Oh voice of the Lord Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul

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Thanks for the Offering

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation.

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, And in what we have failed to do: 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 (Colin L)

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 (Jaq & Karin)
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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Sprit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, He offered the one true sacrifice for sin And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, And with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, This bread and wine and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, His one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise: Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you 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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Blessing