

10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2

17 March 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 23

Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your
presence— saints and sinners alike.
You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—
a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.

We come with joy to meet You here, to eat and drink at Your table,
to taste and see Your goodness,
to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives.

May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers, and
petitions as we worship together in Your presence.

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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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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Puppets

Prayer for Children (Sue)

Bible Reading: Mark 15.1-15 (Pat T)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what

do you wish me to do^[a] with the man you call^[b] the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

Offering Song: Waymaker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**(You are) Way Maker,
Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
My God that is who You are**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

That is who You are (4x)

Even when I don't see it
You're working
Even when I don't feel it
You're working
You never stop

You never stop working
You never stop
You never stop working

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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.

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 (Metche & 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.

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: Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers toils and snares,
I have already come;
This grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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Blessing