

Sunday 10.00 am Service (O2T1)

7 April 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us sing....

Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

Song: Joyful, joyful We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Song: Oh Let the Son of God

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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Multi-age Talk (God at Work - Sue)

Prayer for Children (Jaq)

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: John 20.19-31 (Merylin)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue^[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Message

Offering Song: May the Mind of Christ my Saviour

May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do and say, all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,

so that all may see I triumph
only through His power, only through His power

May the peace of God my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing
May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory, this is victory

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus,
as I onward go, as I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him, seeing only Him

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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 (Zilpha)

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 and Jaq 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.

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 Spirit 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: 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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Blessing