

10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2

14 April 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.

You are greater than we can understand;

**open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;

**still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility.

You chose the path the world saw as foolish.

You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

Song: God of Wonders

Lord of all creation

Lord of water, earth and sky

The heavens are your Tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy

The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light

As I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night

Chorus

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x3)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x4)

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Multi-age (Natalie)

Prayer for Children (Jaq)

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (Robyn R/Hilary)

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, ^[a] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God

chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one^[b] might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in^[c] the Lord.”

Message

Song: 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.

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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.**

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.**

Offering 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
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

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
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
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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.

Prayers for the Church and our World (Natalie)

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.**

Notices

Song: You're the Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side

**And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords**

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified, who descended to hell
Yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side

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Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.