

Sunday 10am Service (O2T1)

5 May 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lord,

the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need.
You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.
We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.
May the time we spend together in Your presence
nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.
For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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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Song: Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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God at Work (Sue)

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: 1 Corinthians 4 (Robyn R)

4 Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. **2** Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. **3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. **4** I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. **5** Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

6 I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us what "Not beyond what is written" means, so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another. **7** For who sees anything different in you?^[a] What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive?

8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! If only you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! **9** For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to humans. **10** We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are sensible people in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are dishonored. **11** To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are naked and beaten and homeless, **12** and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; **13** when slandered, we

speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

¹⁴ I am not writing this to make you ashamed but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I fathered you through the gospel. ¹⁶ I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ For this reason I sent^[b] you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸ But some of you, thinking that I am not coming to you, have become arrogant. ¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power. ²¹ What would you prefer? Am I to come to you with a stick or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Message

Offering Song: 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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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

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: Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come let us sing a song

A song declaring that we belong to Jesus

He is all we need

Lift up a heart of praise

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus

Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray

We will be ready the dawn of that day

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed

'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Blessing