

**Sunday 10am Service (O2T1)**  
**7 July 2024**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance,  
and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life,  
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

**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: here I am to worship**

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

### **Bridge**

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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## **Multi-age Talk – God at Work (Sue)**

### **Prayer for Children (Sue)**

#### **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: Nehemiah 2.1-20 (Merylin W)**

**2** In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. **2** So the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid. **3** I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors’ graves, lies waste and its gates have been destroyed by fire?” **4** Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. **5** Then I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors’ graves, so that I may rebuild it.” **6** The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), “How long will you be gone, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. **7** Then I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah, **8** and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress and for the wall of the city and for the house that I shall occupy.” And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

**9** Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. **10** When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official<sup>[a]</sup> heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the Israelites.

**11** So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. **12** Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my

God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. <sup>13</sup> I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. <sup>14</sup> Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. <sup>15</sup> So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate and so returned. <sup>16</sup> The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work.

<sup>17</sup> Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." <sup>18</sup> I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So they committed themselves to the common good. <sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official<sup>[b]</sup> and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, "What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" <sup>20</sup> Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building, but you have no share or claim or memorial in Jerusalem."

## **Message**

### **Offering 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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### **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 (Sue with Christine and Soula)**

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: Great is your faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

**Blessing**