# 10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2 14 July 2024

#### Welcome

## **Call to Worship**

Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord, your God! Glorify him with your praise! **Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in joyful songs.** Come and see what our God has done, what awesome things he has done for us! **Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise. For our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.** 

#### Song: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God You do not faint, You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

#### 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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## Multi-age (Sue)

## Prayer for Children (Jaq)

#### Bible Reading: Daniel 6.1-24 (Robyn R)

**6** It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, <sup>2</sup> and over them three administrators, one of whom was Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. <sup>3</sup> Soon Daniel distinguished himself above the other administrators and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. <sup>4</sup> So the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for

complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. <sup>5</sup> The men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God." <sup>6</sup>So the administrators and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup> All the administrators of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to any god or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. <sup>10</sup> Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then those men watched<sup>[b]</sup> and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to any god or human, within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>13</sup> Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day." <sup>14</sup> When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup> Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed." <sup>16</sup> Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" <sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the

signet ring of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no entertainment was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. <sup>19</sup> Then at dawn, the king got up and at first light hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?"<sup>21</sup> Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever!<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup> The king gave a command, and those who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

## Message

## **Offering Song: I am Carried**

Day by day and hour by hour, your love for me from heaven flows. Like streams of water in the desert, living waters flow. You walk beside me, gently guiding, leading me through every storm, Everlasting, never changing, grace and love divine.

Mercy's healing grace relieving every spot and every stain. Forgiven freely. No more guilty. Love has conquered shame. The broken mended, night has ended, lost and lonely, lost no more, For I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine. I am held by hands of healing, washed by water pure. Lifting up my heavy heart, held in grace scarred hands. I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine. Never worthy, never earning, all my works now left behind. Ever onwards, ever upwards, you've called me on to rise Above my darkness, all my failure, every fear and every pain, Always carried, always covered by grace and love divine.

I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine. I am held by hands of healing, washed by water pure. Lifting up my heavy heart held in grace scarred hands. I am carried in the arms of grace and love divine.

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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 (Sue/Sofia)

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

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: Days of Elijah These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord And these are the days of Your servant Moses Righteousness being restored And though these are days of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword Still we are the voice in the desert crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord

Behold He comes riding on the clouds Shining like the sun at the trumpet call So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh And these are the days of Your servant David Rebuilding a temple of praise And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world And we are the labourers in Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord

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## Blessing