

10am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

18 August 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Praise be to God,

who rescues us from the power of darkness;

who redeems us, and sets us free!

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth.

Praise be to the Spirit of God,

whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.

Behold! I am making all things new!

Come, O God, and make your home among us.

Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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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Song: Give Thanks

Give Thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy one
Give Thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

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Multi Age (Nat)

Prayer for Children (Jaq)

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-35 (Jacky R)

¹⁷ However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek

circumcision. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but obeying the commandments of God is everything. ²⁰ Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

²¹ Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make the most of it. ^[d] ²² For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave belonging to Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of humans. ²⁴ In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

²⁵ Now concerning virgins, I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that, in view of the impending ^[e] crisis, ^[f] it is good for you to remain as you are. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you marry, you do not sin, and if a virgin marries, she does not sin. Yet those who marry will experience distress in the flesh, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord, ³³ but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman and the virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit, but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

Message

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering 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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Thanks for the Offering

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days,
may we not grow weary of doing what is right,
but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,
healing the broken, feeding the hungry,
and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart
and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

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

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.

Loving God,

We thank you for this world of wonder and delight.
You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may enjoy its
bounty. Lord our God, **We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that when we turned away from you, You sent Jesus to live
and work as one of us and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love
you and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God, **We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away all our sin,
All that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. Lord our God, **We give you thanks and praise**

And so with everyone who believes in you,
With all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, saying:
Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;
May we who receive them, as Jesus said,
share the body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have
made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayers

Living God, In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,

Which we have known in word and sacrament,

Continue your saving work among us,

Give us courage for our pilgrimage,

And bring us to the joys you promise.

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. Amen**

Notices

Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever forever**

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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The Blessing