# Sunday 10am Service (O2T1) 3 November 2024

Welcome (Lead Sue, Music Wayne)

#### **Call to Worship**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

We cannot do this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

# Song: Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere (Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty

To find You in the place Your glory dwells (REPEAT)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

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#### Song: The Servant King

From heav'n You came helpless babe Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet The scars that speak of sacrifice Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails Surrendered So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving

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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: Isaiah 40.10-11 (Colin L)

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.

# Bible Reading: Matthew 11.28-30 (Colin L)

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I

am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

# Message (Jaq)

#### Offering Song: Meekness and Majesty

Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity In perfect harmony The Man who is God Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity Kneels in humility And washes our feet

# O what a mystery Meekness and majesty Bow down and worship For this is your God This is your God

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence Yet learns obedience To death on a cross Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucify Prays 'Father forgive'

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible Love indestructible In frailty appears Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne

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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 Jaq & Zilpha)

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 Sprit 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 (Sue)

# **Song: Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Faultless stand before the throne

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# **Blessing**