

# **Sunday 10am Service (O2T1)**

## **2 March 2025 - Vision Sunday**

**Welcome (Jaq lead, Julia music)**

### **Call to Worship**

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,  
we come to praise you.

We come because we want to,  
we sing our songs because we are glad to,  
we pray for your grace because we need to,  
and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts  
because without it we are but nothing.

Please lift every shutter within our mind,  
and open every door within our soul,  
that you, the Lord of glory,  
the God of countless hosts, may come in.

Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. **Amen!**

### **Song: Ancient of Days**

Blessing and honour,  
Glory and power  
Be to the Ancient of Days;  
From every nation, All of creation,  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare your glory,  
Every knee shall bow at  
Your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And your Kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth  
Sing to the ancient of days.  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth  
Sing to the ancient of days.**

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**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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### **Song: Who's the King of the Jungle**

Who's the king of the jungle? (Who Who)  
Who's the king of the sea? (Bubble Bubble)  
Who's the king of the universe  
and who's the king of me?  
I'll tell you J.E.S.U.S. YES!  
He's the king of me,  
He's the king of the universe,  
the jungle and the sea.

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### **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: Ephesians 4.17-32 (Jacky R)**

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.  
20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put

off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin"<sup>[a]</sup>: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## **Message (Ron)**

### **Offering Song: Be Thou My Vision**

You are my vision, O King of my heart,  
Nothing else satisfies, only you Lord –  
You are my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

You are my wisdom, You are my true word;  
I ever with you, and you with me, Lord;  
You're my great Father, I'm your true son;  
You dwell inside me, together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight,  
You are my dignity, you're my delight;  
You're my soul's shelter, you're my high tower;  
Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power.  
I don't want riches, or man's empty praise,

You're my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only, the first in my heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure You are.

High King of heaven, when victory's won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Son!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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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 (Ron with Karin and Jaq)**

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are  
one body,

**For we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy  
sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died  
for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **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: 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**