

10am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

16 February 2025

Partnership in Community

Welcome (Karin lead, Heather music)

Call to Worship:

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good.

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today.

Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

Song: Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Song: Because He Lives

God sent his Son,
they called him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone
Because I know, He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because he lives

How sweet to hold a new born baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days

Because Christ lives

And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives

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Song: God's Not Dead

God's not dead, He is alive
God's not dead, He is alive
God's not dead, He is alive
I can talk to him every day.
I can talk to him at night
And also in the day

I can talk to him at home
And on a holiday,
I know he is my friend
And his love will never end
I can talk to him every day.
No no no

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Prayer for Children (Karin)

Bible Reading: Philippians 1.1-11 (Jacky R)

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops^[a] and
deacons:^[b]

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, **4** always in every one of
my prayers for all of you, praying with joy **5** for your partnership in the
gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one
who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[c] it until the day

of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart,^[d] for all of you are my partners in God's grace,^[e] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest^[f] of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Message (Sue)

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: Yet Not I

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in 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 (Zilpha)

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 (Sue with Zilpha 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.

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.**

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.

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: How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light,

And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one,
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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