

10am Sunday Service (O3 with some Lenten prayers) 30 March 2025

Welcome (Julia lead, Wayne music)

Call to Worship

"Let us gather, not as observers, but as participants in the miracle of God's grace. Just as the paralyzed man was brought before Jesus, so too, we come with our burdens and needs, seeking healing and forgiveness. Let us acknowledge the power of Jesus to forgive sins and heal the broken, and trust in his ability to restore us, body and soul. Let us worship the God who not only forgives, but also heals, and let our hearts be filled with hope and gratitude for the boundless love of our Lord."

Song: Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God, Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

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Song: How deep the Father's love

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Song: The Action Man

He is an action man
Living out God's plan
Do do do do do do do do do do
He is an action man
Living out God's plan
He had the courage to stand up against what was wrong
To rescue the lost and invite them along
To be living out God's plan
He is an action man
Do do do do do do do do do do

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Prayer for Children (Julia)

Bible Reading: Mark 2:1-12 (Pat T)

2 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people^[a] came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of

them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Message (Sue)

Offering Song: This I believe

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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Offering Prayer

Lord, you are the bread of heaven,
giving life to the world.
You fill our emptiness with your goodness.
You come to our weakness with your strength.
Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest
of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.

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 (Julia)

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 (Julia with Jaq and 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.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power
for you created all things, making us in your own image.
We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross and rising to new life
offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore, we lift our voices to 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, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.
On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is 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
which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.
We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death
and glorious resurrection,
may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and united in the body of your Son.
Bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table
and join in your eternal praise:
**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour
and glory and power for ever 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.

The Sending out of God's People

God of Mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain

You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign

At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim

You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb

Who was crucified

With wisdom and mercy and justice

You'll reign at Your Father's side

And the angels will cry hail the Lamb

Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r

And the earth will reply You shall reign

As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side

There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied

'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified who descended to hell
Yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side

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Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**