

10am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

18 May 2025

Welcome (Lead Natalie, Music Embedded)

Call to Worship:

A new day has begun.

Hope wins!

A fresh start is granted.

Faith wins!

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

Hope wins!

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

Faith wins!

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

Love wins!

Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

Song: Ancient of Days (ABABCB)

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

B 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

C **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: Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
love that's never failing
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness
the kindness of a Saviour
the Hope of nations.

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
my God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me
all my fears and failures
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in now I surrender.

Chorus

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus*

Chorus 2x

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Prayer for Children (Natalie)

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.**

Bible Reading: Mark 8:27-38 (Pat T)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”^[a] ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come^[b] after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and

follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,^[c] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[d] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Message (Julia)

Alpha Presentation (Julia)

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.**

Prayers for the Church and our World (Colin L)

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.**

Offering Song: Worthy is the Lamb (Thank you for the cross)

Thank you for the cross, Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame in love You came
And gave amazing grace
Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified.....
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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 Great Thanksgiving (Ron with Natalie 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: To God be the glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he has done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son!
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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The Blessing