

10am Sunday Service (O3)

23 November 2025

Welcome (Sue/Jaq lead, Heather music)

Call to Worship (inspired by Mark 4:35-41)

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;

Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;

Ever-present God, who fills us with awe

but also raises many questions without easy answers;

Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,

Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,

Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak.

This we pray, In Jesus' name. **Amen**

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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Puppets

Everybody Get Ready Colin Buchanan
Everybody get ready! (Everybody get ready!)
Get ready for the Lord (Get ready for the Lord)
Get ready (get ready)
Get set (get set)
And go!

God had a great plan
His son becomes a man
His sacrificial lamb
To take away the sin of the world

Chorus

Wiseman and shepherds come
To see the promised one
Praise God for what he's done
It's Jesus the king of the world

Chorus

His life was free from blame
He bore our sin and shame
He's coming back again
To show that he's the king of the world

Chorus

Prayer for Children (Sue)

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: Acts 8.26-40 (Ingrid)

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south^[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”^[b] ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip^[c] baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Message (The Bible League)

Offering 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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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 Great Thanksgiving (Sue with Nat 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.

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

Gracious God,
thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,

and that we are living members of Christ's body.

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**

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.

Notices

Song: Go Forth in His Name

We are His children, the fruit of his suffering

Saved and redeemed by his blood

Called to be holy, a light to the nations

Clothed with his power

Filled with his love

Go forth in his name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns!"

Now is the time for the church to arise

And proclaim him "Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord" (repeat)

Countless the souls that are stumbling in darkness

Why do we sleep in the light?

Jesus commands us to go make disciples
This is our cause, This is the fight
Listen the wind of the Spirit is blowing
The end of the age is so near
Pow'rs in the earth and the heavens are shaking
Jesus our Lord, soon shall appear!
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord

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The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.