



## The Road to Glory

*“You made him for a little while lower than the angels,  
you have crowned him with glory and honour.”  
(Heb 2:7)*

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### God Calls us to Worship

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory  
and the victory and the majesty,  
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

**Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head above all.** (1 Chr 29:11)

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,  
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,  
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.**

**It is our greatest pleasure,  
our highest privilege, our chief delight,  
to meet with you, the one true and living God,  
and experience your grace and favour.**

**Grant us power by your Holy Spirit  
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.  
Amen.**

## Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts to me.  
My heart cries out and even faints,  
the courts of God to see.  
The sparrow finds a place to nest,  
beside your throne of grace.  
Oh how I long to find my rest,  
and dwell with you always.

A pilgrim now for all my days,  
my gaze is set above.  
The desert blooms  
with autumn rains,  
You bless the ones you love.

Your people go  
from strength to strength,  
until we see your face.  
Your eyes are turned to us in love,  
You hear us when we pray.

I'd rather live for just one day  
and gaze upon my Lord.  
Than spend a lifetime far away  
from where your praise is heard.  
There's no good thing  
you will withhold,  
from those who follow you,  
O Lord my sun and mighty shield  
my soul will trust in you.

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## We Confess and Are Assured

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”* (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,  
and against our neighbour,  
first in silence and then aloud together.

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!  
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.  
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.  
Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps 51)**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)*

## Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, age after age.**

**Amen!**

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## God Speaks to us Through His Word

*First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13, "God Calls Isaiah"*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Hebrews 2:5-9*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: The Road to Glory (Mark Payne)*

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## We Respond to God's Word

### *The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

### *Invitation to the Table*

*All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

### *Gifts and Offerings*

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Pro 3:9)*

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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 him thanks and praise.**

*Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The stewards will distribute the wine and bread.*

*Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.*

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Father, as we have received  
these gifts of bread and wine,  
you have fed 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 members of his body.**

**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.**

**Amen**

## *Oh the Mercy of God*

Oh the mercy of God,  
The glory of grace  
That You choose to redeem us,  
To forgive and restore  
And You call us Your children,  
Chosen in Him  
To be holy and blameless,  
To the glory of God

*To the praise of His Glorious Grace  
To the praise of His Glory and Power  
To Him be all Glory Honour and Praise  
For ever and ever and ever A-men*

Oh the richness of Grace,  
The depths of His love  
In Him is redemption,  
The forgiveness of sin  
You called us as righteous,  
Predestined in Him  
For the praise of His Glory,  
Included in Christ.

Oh the Glory of God  
expressed in His Son  
His image and likeness  
revealed to us all  
The plan of the ages  
completed in Christ  
That we be presented  
perfected in Him

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## We Are Blessed and Sent Out to the World

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ,  
Amen.**

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