



## The Writing on the Wall

*“The Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind  
and sets over it whom he will.”, (Daniel 5:21)*

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### God Calls us to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we greatly rejoice!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever. Amen!**

*(1 Pet 1:3-5; Rev 5:12-13)*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Psalm 90

Lord, you have ever  
been our dwelling place.  
Before you made the  
world of time and space,  
Before you made the  
mountains and the earth,  
You are eternal God;  
You gave them birth.

You turn all people  
back to dust and say,  
“O human race,  
to dust again decay.”  
Because a thousand  
years are in your sight  
Like yesterday or like  
a watch by night.

Into death’s sleep  
you sweep them all away,  
For they are like  
the grass at break of day—  
Although it springs up  
new with morning light,  
It dries and perishes  
before the night.

Your wrath consumes us;  
we are terrified.  
Before your gaze  
our sins we cannot hide.  
Under your anger  
all our days pass by;  
Our years come to their finish  
with a sigh.

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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 neighbour 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 be seated.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)*

## *Psalm 90 ctd*

Our years amount to  
seventy in length,  
Or even eighty  
if we have the strength.  
And yet our days  
in grief and pain are passed;  
They quickly end;  
away we fly at last.

The power of your  
anger who can know?  
Your wrath's as great  
as is the fear we owe.  
Teach us to number  
all our days aright;  
So will our hearts be filled  
with wisdom's light.

Return, O Lord!  
How long will you delay?  
Have mercy on your servants,  
Lord, we pray.  
O satisfy us  
with your love always,  
That we may sing,  
rejoicing all our days.

In place of our affliction,  
make us glad;  
Give joy for all the years  
you made us sad.  
To all your servants  
may your deeds be shown,  
And to their children  
make your glory known.

Now may the favour  
of Almighty God  
Abide on us—  
rich blessings of our Lord.  
Establish every work  
our hands have done;  
Yes, Lord, for us establish  
them each one.

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## God Speaks to us Through His Word

*First Reading: Isaiah 13, “The Judgment of Babylon”*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Daniel 5: 1-31*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: The Writing on the Wall (Mark Payne)*

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## We Respond to God's Word

### *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 from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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 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**

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# 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*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your dear Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
Through him,  
we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses  
with strength  
And causes fears to fly;

Whose ev'ry promise is enough  
For ev'ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above,  
Whose wisdom is  
my perfect peace,  
Whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
Is given by the King;  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow 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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