



Children, Money and Camels

“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”
(Luke 17.18)

Call to Worship

Behold, God is our salvation;
We will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation.

**Sing praises to the LORD,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.** *(Isa 12)*

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 103

Bless the Lord, my inmost being
Lift up high his holy name
Bless the Lord, all that's within me
Ponder all his deeds of grace
He forgives our great transgression
Heals and lifts us from the grave
Crowns our life with love and mercy
Satisfies us all our days

He brings justice for the needy
Makes them rise on eagle's wings
He made known his ways to Moses
Shows to Israel his deeds
He is merciful and gracious
Slow to anger, rich in love
He will turn aside his anger
Shower blessings from above

For as high as highest heaven
Is the Lord's unending love
Far as East is from the West, he
Has removed our sins from us

Like a Father to his children
He is merciful to us
Shows compassion in our weakness
He remembers we are dust

As for man, we bloom and flourish
Like a flower of the grass
Then we wither, then we perish
All our days so quickly pass
But God's love for those who fear him
Will endure from age to age
For our children and their children
Those who walk in all his ways

He has set his throne in heaven
All his purpose to fulfil
Bless the Lord, O you his angels
You who do his sovereign will
Bless the Lord all you his servants
You who tremble at his word
Bless the Lord, all of creation
O my soul now bless the Lord

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Confession and Assurance

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

**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.**

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)*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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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!**

God's Word

First Reading: John 14:1-14, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Luke 18:15-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Children, Money and Camels (Mark Payne)

Response to God's Word

Baptism of Archie Halfpenny

To all in the church family here at Christ Church Salisbury, will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Archie, his parents and his godparents in their lives in Christ?

We will, with God's help.

Let us renew our own baptismal covenant in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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.

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, for ever and ever,
Amen.**

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. *"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you." (Deut 16:17)*

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

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, O all you nations;
all you peoples, sing his praise.
For his love is great towards us;
his commitment lasts always.
He is faithful now and ever. Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!

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Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ,

Amen.