



## Living by Faith: The Suffering of Faith

*“He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.” (Heb 11:26)*

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### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

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

*(1 Chr 16:8-11; 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.**

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## Psalm 63

O LORD, my God, most earnestly  
I seek your holy face,  
within your house again to see  
the glories of your grace.  
Apart from you I long and thirst,  
and naught can satisfy;  
I wander in a desert land  
where all the streams are dry.

The loving-kindness of my God  
is more than life to me,  
so I will praise you all my days  
and pray continually.

In you my soul is satisfied,  
my darkness turns to light,  
and joyful meditations fill  
the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadow of your wings  
I sing my joy and praise.  
Your right hand is my strong support  
through troubled nights and days.  
All those who seek my life will fall;  
my life is in your hand.  
God's king and people will rejoice;  
in victory they will stand.

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## Confession and Assurance

Hear what God's word says:

*"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether." (Ps 139:1-4)*

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*

Almighty and most merciful God,

**We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean,  
and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;  
not only in outward transgressions, but also in our secret thoughts and desires.  
We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have left undone,  
we have not loved you as we should,  
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
And so we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,  
seeking and imploring Your grace and pardon  
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa 53:5-6)*

## *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
In the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me  
And my sails have all been torn.  
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
While the tempest rages on,  
When temptation claims the battle  
And it seems the night has won;  
Deeper still then goes the anchor  
Though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
Through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now  
Lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This, my ballast of assurance;  
See His love forever proved;  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
As we face the wave of death,  
When these trials give way to glory,  
As we draw our final breath;  
We will cross that great horizon,  
Clouds behind and life secure,  
And the calm will be the better  
For the storms that we endure.

## Psalm 87

A Psalm of the Sons of Korah; a Song.

On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

**Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush— “This one was born there,” they say.**

And of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in her”; for the Most High himself will establish her.

The LORD records as he registers the peoples, “This one was born there.”

**Singers and dancers alike say, “All my springs are in you.”**

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’s Word

*First Reading: John 19:1-30, “The Crucifixion”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Hebrews 11:23-40*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: Living by Faith: The Suffering of Faith (David Thornhill-Smith)*

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## *Eternal Weight of Glory*

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff'ring seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"  
When we meet our King of Grace*

*Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried "How long?"  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Saviour's vict'ry song*

We will see our wounded Saviour.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

*Refrain*

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## *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.**

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## 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, simply allow the bread and wine to pass by, and reflect on what is taking place.*

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.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Father, thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, by which you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your 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.**

## *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.*" (Prov. 3:9)

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## Closing Song and Benediction

### *Psalm 34*

Tell his praise in song and story,  
bless the Lord with heart and voice;  
in my God is all my glory,  
come before him and rejoice.  
Join to praise his name together,  
he who hears his people's cry;  
tell his praise, come wind or weather,  
shining faces lifted high.

To the Lord whose love has found them  
cry the poor in their distress;  
swift his angels camped around them  
prove him sure to save and bless.  
God it is who hears our crying  
though the spark of faith be dim;  
taste and see! Beyond denying  
blessed are those who trust in him.

Taste and see! In faith draw near him,  
trust the Lord with all your powers;  
seek and serve him, love and fear him,  
life and all its joys are ours:  
true delight in holy living,  
peace and plenty, length of days;  
come, my children, with thanksgiving  
bless the Lord in songs of praise.

In our need he walks beside us,  
ears alert to every cry;  
watchful eyes to guard and guide us,  
love that whispers 'It is I'.  
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,  
God has pledged his promised word;  
so with ransomed saints united  
join to praise our living Lord!

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### *Benediction*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

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## Notices & Key Dates

Please diarise the following and remember in your prayers.

<b>Thursday</b>	<b><i>Prayer Meeting at 7:15pm (Zoom)</i></b>
21st Oct	<i>Tots &amp; Toys</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Food &amp; Chat</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Tots &amp; Toys</i>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b><i>Reformation Sunday</i></b> Prof. Bob Letham
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Church Lunch</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Food &amp; Chat</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b><i>Church Lunch and Leaflet Drop</i></b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b><i>Carol Service at 5pm</i></b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<i>Food &amp; Chat</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<i>Tots &amp; Toys</i>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b><i>Christmas Service at 9:30am</i></b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>Morning Service at 10am</i>
<i>January - March</i>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b><i>Church Members Meeting</i></b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar - 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b><i>Church Family Weekend</i></b> <b>Matt Searles</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mar - 14<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b><i>Passion for Life</i></b> <b>Rory Steyn (29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>)</b>