



The God Who Powerfully Speaks

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness.” (Ps 29:2)

Call to Worship

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:6-7)**

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.**

(Valley of Vision)

Praise awaits you God in Zion (Psalm 65)

Praise awaits you God in Zion
Soon to you all flesh will come
Though our sins prevail against us
You atone for every one
Blessed are those you choose and
welcome
Dwelling in your courts of grace
We are filled with every blessing
Satisfied in you always

Holy God and mighty saviour
Hope of all the farthest seas
When we pray you hear and answer
You make known your wondrous deeds

By your strength you formed the mountains
Stilled the roaring of the waves
Earth rejoices at your goodness
Dawn and evening sing your praise

From your river ever-flowing
You give life to all the land
Autumn rains and grain at harvest
You provide for every man
All the year is crowned with bounty
Deserts bloom and hills bear fruit
Hills and valleys, all creation
Lift their hymn of praise to you

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 be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**O most great, most just and gracious God;
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy
through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him.
Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature
and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbours.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have not been content with our daily bread.
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated,
we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father!
We confess you alone are our hope.
Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Saviour.
Amen.**

(Savoy Liturgy)

Assurance of Pardon

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2)

Tell his praise in song and story (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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Psalm 89:38-52

But now you have cast off and rejected;
you are full of wrath against your anointed.
You have renounced the covenant with your
servant; you have defiled his crown in the
dust.

**You have breached all his walls; you have
laid his strongholds in ruins. All who pass
by plunder him; he has become the scorn
of his neighbours.**

You have exalted the right hand of his foes;
you have made all his enemies rejoice. You
have also turned back the edge of his sword,
and you have not made him stand in battle.

**You have made his splendour to cease
and cast his throne to the ground. You
have cut short the days of his youth; you
have covered him with shame.**

How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself
forever? How long will your wrath burn like
fire? Remember how short my time is!

**For what vanity you have created all the
children of man! What man can live and
never see death? Who can deliver his soul
from the power of Sheol?**

Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,
which by your faithfulness you swore to
David?

**Remember, O Lord, how your servants are
mocked, and how I bear in my heart the
insults of all the many nations, with which
your enemies mock, O LORD, with which
they mock the footsteps of your anointed.**

**Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and
Amen.**

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!**

The Word of God

First Reading: Romans 8:31-39, "God's Everlasting Love", p. 944

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 29, p. 461

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The God Who Powerfully Speaks (David Thornhill-Smith)

Response to the Word

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the almighty,
the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters
draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all you have needed
has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness and sin are
abounding,
who when the godless are rampant,
all goodness confounding,

shines with his light,
scatters the terror of night,
safely his people surrounding.

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend
us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord -
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people
again;
gladly with praise we adore him!

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.**

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

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)

Doxology & Benediction

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ,

Amen.