



## Treasure Hunting

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure  
hidden in a field.” (Matt 13:44)*

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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!**

*(1 Chr 16:8-1)*

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)*

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## *Psalm 63 (O Lord My God Most Earnestly)*

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*

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 judgement.**

**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*

*"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." (Mic 7:18-19)*

## *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

*Robert Robinson, 1758  
The Psalter Hymnal, 1987*

## *Psalm 126, A Song of Ascents*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

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: Isaiah 43:16-21, p. 604*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Matt 13:44-46, p. 819*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: Treasure Hunting (Chris Sinkinson)*

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## *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and  
thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father  
and I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield,  
sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity,  
thou my delight,

Thou my soul's shelter  
and thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward,  
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and thou only  
the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

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Mary Elizabeth Byrne)*

## *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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## Response

### *Psalm 146, Hallelujah Praise Jehovah*

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
They shall die, to dust returning,  
And their purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blest whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eyes to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
And the stranger He befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and the widow,  
Judgement on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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## Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

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## Notes & Notices

**Please diarise and pray for the items below:**

<b>IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS</b>		
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Fellowship Group (A)</b>	Finishing current book
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Hope Explored</b>	Runs for 3 weeks
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	In-person
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Tots &amp; Toys</b>	1 of 2 in Easter Holidays
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Fellowship Group (M)</b>	Fellowship social
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Apr, 7pm</b>	<b>Easter Thanksgiving Service</b>	Please join us if possible
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	Please invite others
<b>FURTHER AHEAD</b>		
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Annual Church Meeting</b>	Please diarise