



Man's Plans and God's Fingerprints

*“Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.”
(Gen 24:50-51)*

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.

**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable in your sight,
our Rock and our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Ps 19:14

Be Thou, O God, Exalted High (Psalm 57)

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as Your glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till You are here, as there, obeyed;
Till You are here, as there, obeyed.

Awake, my glory; harp and lute,
No longer let your strings be mute;
And I, my tuneful part to take,
Will with the early dawn awake;
Will with the early dawn awake.

O God, my heart is fixed, 'tis bent
Its thankful tribute to present;
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise
To You, my God, in songs of praise;
To You, my God, in songs of praise.

Your praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the list'ning nations 'round;
Your mercy highest heav'n transcends;
Your truth beyond the clouds extends;
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Confession and Assurance

Hear the summary of the whole law, from the Lord Jesus Christ:

“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.**

God's word tells us:

*“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”* *Prov 28:13*

Let us therefore confess our sins against God,
and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

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 secret thoughts and desires
that we are not able to understand,
but which are all known to You.
For this reason,
we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,
seeking and imploring Your grace
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*“The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.”*

(Ps 103:8-14)

I Waited for the Lord (Ps 40)

I waited, waited for the Lord,
He turned and heard my cry.
He drew me up from death's dark pit
and set me safe on high.
He put a new song in my mouth;
a song of praise to God.
That those around may see and fear
and come to trust the Lord.

How blessed the one
who trusts the LORD,
and turns from other gods.
For you, O LORD, have done great things
and there is none like you.
The wonders you have done for us
are far beyond compare.
I will proclaim with all my heart
Your boundless, matchless grace.

In sacrifice and offering
You do not take delight.
Yet you have opened up my ears,
that I may do what's right.
I said "O Lord, here I have come
as written in the scroll.
My heart delights to do your will,
Your word is in my soul."

I'll praise your grace and righteousness
and glory in your love.
My heart will sing and shout for joy
I'll tell of all you've done.
Your mercy and your faithfulness
endure for endless days.
My sins have overtaken me,
I rest upon your grace.

O Lord be pleased to save my soul;
come quickly to my aid.
May those who seek to take my life
be turned aside in shame.
But may all those who seek your face
proclaim "Our God is great"!
Though I am weak, my Lord is strong,
my God do not delay.

Matt Searles (2020)

Psalm 105

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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! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn

promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

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 4:1-42, "Jesus and the Woman of Samaria", p. 888

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Gen 24, p. 17

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Man's Plans and God's Fingerprints (David Thornhill-Smith)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When weary in this earthly race,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every wild and stormy gale
my anchor holds and will not fail.

His vow, his covenant and blood
are my defence against the flood;
when earthly hopes are swept away
he will uphold me on that day.

When the last trumpet's
voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found!
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.

Edward Mote (1797 - 1874), © Jubilate Hymns

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.**

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

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for reassuring us at this meal of your favour and goodness towards us, of your word for us.

We thank you that we are truly members of the body of your Son, and that we are heirs, by grace, of your eternal kingdom.

We humbly beg you, heavenly Father,

to keep us as faithful members of your church,

to strengthen us by your Spirit, to draw us together in love and unity,

that we may serve through those good works

which you have prepared for us to do

through Jesus Christ our Lord, and for His glory, Amen.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

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

Notices

Please diarise and pray for the items below:

NEXT WEEK		
Wed 22nd June	Fellowship Group (M)	Joshua 18-19
Thu 23rd June	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)	Acts 14:19-28, The Gospel at Lystra & Antioch
Sun 26th June	Morning Worship	Gen 25, The Death of Abraham
FURTHER AHEAD		
-TBD-	Annual Church Meeting	After exam season
-TBD-	Annual Church Picnic	After exam season

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture references are from the English Standard Version (ESV)