



## The Kingdom Parables of Jesus: Worth It At Any Cost!

*“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*

## *Praise God, My Soul (Psalm 103)*

Praise God, my soul,  
with all my heart  
Let me exalt his holy name.  
Forget not all his benefits;  
His praise, my soul,  
in song proclaim.  
The LORD forgives you all your sins,  
And heals your sickness  
and distress;  
Your life he rescues from the grave,  
And crowns you in his tenderness.  
  
He satisfies your deep desires  
From his unending stores of good,  
So that, just like  
the eagle's strength,  
Your youthful vigour is renewed.

The LORD is known  
for righteous acts  
And justice to downtrodden ones.  
To Moses he made known his ways,  
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

The LORD is merciful and kind,  
To anger slow, and full of grace.  
He will not constantly reprove,  
Or in his anger hide his face.  
He does not punish our misdeeds,  
Or give our sins  
their just reward.  
How great his love –  
as high as heaven  
Towards all those  
who fear the LORD!

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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.*

**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*

*"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."  
(Rom 8:1-2)*

### *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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## *Psalm 25*

The earth is the LORD's  
and the fullness thereof, the world  
and those who dwell therein,  
for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands  
and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul  
to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.

**He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his  
salvation. Such is the generation of  
those who seek him, who seek the  
face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!**

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: Isaiah 55, "The Compassion of the Lord", p. 615*

This is the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Matt 13:44-52, p. 819*

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**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: The Kingdom Parables of Jesus:  
Worth It At Any Cost! (Mark Payne)*

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### *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  
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  
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 fulfilment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

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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## *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)

## God My King (Psalm 145)

God my king, I will extol you  
Bless your name forevermore  
Every day, I'll sing your goodness  
Hymn the greatness of the Lord  
You are praised  
through generations  
of your works we'll always tell  
We will praise  
your matchless goodness  
Praise the God of Israel

God is merciful and gracious  
Slow to anger, rich in love  
He is good to all his creatures  
Showers blessings from above  
All your works  
shall bless and thank you  
Tell of all your mighty deeds  
Celebrate your wondrous kingdom  
You shall reign in majesty

Lord your throne will last forever  
You will reign from age to age  
You are faithful to your promise  
You are kind in all your ways  
You uphold  
the weak and falling  
Give your strength to weary feet  
From your hand  
you pour forth blessing,  
Satisfy our every need

God is righteous to his promise  
He is kind in all his ways  
He is near to those who seek him  
Yet the wicked casts away  
He fulfils  
the good desire  
Of his saints who fear his name  
Let all peoples praise his goodness  
And forever sing his praise

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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

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

IN THE WEEK		
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Tots & Toys	Speak to Jo if you're able to help
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Morning Worship	Matt 13:47-52. The Great Net
FURTHER AHEAD		
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Annual Church Picnic	
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Annual Church Meeting	

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