



Father, Forgive Them

“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”” (Luke 23:34)

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

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

Rev 5:12-13

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

O King, you are most worthy (Psalm 45)

O King, you are most worthy,
of men you are the best
Your words are true and gracious,
you are forever blessed
Take up your sword in splendour,
ride forth in majesty
For justice and mercy
and true humility
Your arrows pierce your enemies,
you march across the land
The peoples and the nations
against you cannot stand.

Your throne will last forever,
with justice you shall reign
You love all that is righteous
and hate all evil gain
So God has richly blessed you
with joy abundantly
Your robes are all fragrant,
your courts are ivory
There princesses attend you,
sweet music from of old
Your future queen awaits you
arrayed in finest gold

O bride forsake all others,
don't give your love abroad
The king desires your beauty;
so honour him your Lord
The gown he gives is glorious,
the threads are twined with gold
In shimmering colours
the envy of the world
A joyful crowd is with her,
with gladness now they sing
And finally she enters
the palace of the king

This king will reign forever,
his sons upon the earth
And ev'ry generation
will tell of his great worth
All nations will soon praise him
and fall down at his feet
His kingdom established,
where truth and mercy meet
O Jesus we adore you,
our lover and our king
Your church, your bride is waiting
and so to you we sing.

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Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“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:

*"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."* 1 Jn 1:8-10

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

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

*"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isa 35:10)*

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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!

I lift up my eyes to the hills (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
Where am I to look for my aid?
My help comes to me from the LORD
By whom earth and heaven were made.
Your foot he will not leave to slide—
His watch over you he will keep.
The LORD over Isr'el keeps watch,
And he will not slumber or sleep.

The LORD will keep watch over you—
Your shade from the heat and the light.
The sun will not harm you by day;
The moon will not harm you by night.
The LORD will protect you from harm—
Your life he will ever defend.
He'll guard every step that you take
Both now and for days without end.

God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 53, p. 613

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 23:13-49, p. 883

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Father, Forgive Them (Derek Richardson)

When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Issac Watts

Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)

Believer, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,
am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ,
who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;
and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.
Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

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.**

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths
of my disgrace
and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse
of sinfulness,
and clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness
with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses
with strength
and causes fears to fly;

Whose every promise
is enough
for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is
my perfect peace,
whose every thought is love.
For every day
I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow Him.

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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		
Sun 21st August	Morning Worship	Matt 21:23-32, "The Two Sons"

FURTHER AHEAD		
- Thu 22nd Sep	Annual Church Mtg	Please diarise