



The Death of our Sovereign

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple” (Isa 6.1)

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!**

Ps 72:18,19

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Lord, You Have Ever Been Our Dwelling Place (Psalm 90, part 1)

Lord, you have ever
been our dwelling place.
Before you made
the world of time and space,
Before you made
the mountains and the earth,
You are eternal God;
you gave them birth.

Into death's sleep
you sweep them all away,
For they are like
the grass at break of day—
Although it springs up
new with morning light,
It dries and perishes
before the night.

You turn all people
back to dust and say,
"O human race,
to dust again decay."
Because a thousand
years are in your sight
Like yesterday
or like a watch by night.

Your wrath consumes us;
we are terrified.
Before your gaze
our sins we cannot hide.
Under your anger
all our days pass by;
Our years come to their finish
with a sigh.

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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

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)

Psalm 90, part 2

Our years amount to
seventy in length,
Or even eighty
if we have the strength.
And yet our days
in grief and pain are passed;
They quickly end;
away we fly at last.

The power of your anger
who can know?
Your wrath's as great
as is the fear we owe.
Teach us to number
all our days aright;
So will our hearts
be filled with wisdom's light.

Return, O Lord!
How long will you delay?
Have mercy on your servants,
Lord, we pray.

O satisfy us
with your love always,
That we may sing,
rejoicing all our days.

In place of our affliction,
make us glad;
Give joy for all the
years you made us sad.
To all your servants
may your deeds be shown,
And to their children
make your glory known.

Now may the favour
of Almighty God
Abide on us—
rich blessings of our Lord.
Establish every work
our hands have done;
Yes, Lord, for us establish
them each one.

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Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine
council;

**in the midst of the gods he holds
judgement:**

“How long will you judge unjustly and
show partiality to the wicked?

**Give justice to the weak and the
fatherless; maintain the right of the
afflicted and the destitute.**

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver
them from the hand of the wicked.”

**They have neither knowledge nor
understanding, they walk about in**

**darkness; all the foundations of the
earth are shaken.**

I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most
High, all of you; nevertheless, like men
you shall die, and fall like any prince.”

**Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you
shall inherit all the nations!**

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: Rev 4:1-11, p. 1030

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

Second Reading: Isa 6:1-7, p. 571

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Sermon: The Death of our Sovereign (Mark Payne)

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!

Joachim Neander (1860)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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. *"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:6-7)*

Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings
give my spirit voice;
Tender to me
the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour
shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure,
from age to age to same;
His holy Name—
the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions
lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn
wills are put to flight
The hungry fed,
the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
To children's children
and for evermore!

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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		
Mon 19 th Sept	Fellowship Group (A)	Joshua 24
Thu 22 nd Sept	Prayer Meeting	At Christ Church
Sun 25 th Sept	Morning Worship	
FURTHER AHEAD		
Tues 27 th Sept	Annual Church Meeting	