



## Growth by Grace

*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father.”, (Col 1:2)*

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### 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.

**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.**

## *All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth,  
his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto:  
Praise, laud,  
and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

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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.**

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 1:8-9*

Let us therefore 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 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*

*"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:13-14)*

## *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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## *Psalm 127*

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**those who build it labour in vain.**  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
**the watchman stays awake in vain.**

It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
**eating the bread of anxious toil;**  
**for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

Behold, children are a heritage  
from the Lord,  
**the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

**Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks  
with his enemies in the gate.**

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 62, p.621*

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

*Second Reading: Extracts from Colossians, pp.981-5*

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*Sermon: Growth by Grace (Mark Payne)*

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## *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost  
its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious  
blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## *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.**

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## 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*

**Father, as we have received  
these gifts of bread and wine,  
you have fed us with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,  
and that we are members of his body.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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)

## *Psalm 67*

O God, to us show mercy  
And bless us in your grace;  
Cause now to shine upon us  
The brightness of your face;  
That so your way most holy  
On earth may soon be known,  
And unto every people  
Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you,  
Let all the nations sing;  
In every land let praises  
And songs of gladness ring;

For you shall judge the people  
In truth and righteousness,  
And you shall lead the nations  
Your justice to confess.

Let all the peoples praise you,  
All tongues and tribes should sing,  
For earth in rich abundance  
To us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us;  
Let all the earth maintain  
The praise it owes its Maker,  
The reverence due His name.

## **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:**

<b>IN THE WEEK</b>		
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	In-person
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	Colossians 1:3-8

  

<b>FURTHER AHEAD</b>		
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Talking Faith and Music with Jeff Hammer</b>	7.45pm