



## Walking Worthily

*“We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.”*  
(Col 1:9,10)

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### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

*Psalms 95:1,2*

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.**

## *O Come, Let Us Joyfully Sing to the LORD (Psalm 95)*

O come, let us joyfully  
sing to the LORD;  
To the Rock of salvation  
let us raise our voice.  
Let us come before him  
expressing our thanks;  
Let us with loud singing  
praise him and rejoice.

The LORD is the great God,  
King over all gods.  
The earth's deepest places  
he holds in his hand;  
The heights of the mountains  
belong to the LORD.  
The oceans are his,  
and he formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow humbly  
and worship the LORD;  
Let us kneel before him,  
our Maker, in prayer.  
For we are his people  
and he is our God;  
He shepherds and feeds us  
in his loving care.

Today if you hear and  
attend to his voice,  
Don't harden your hearts  
as you did on the way;  
In Meribah's desert  
you quarrelled with me,  
You tested my patience  
at Massah that day.

Your fathers provoked me  
and tested me there,  
Although they had witnessed  
the works I had done.  
With that generation  
for forty long years  
My deep indignation  
continued to burn.

I said, "They're a people  
whose hearts go astray;  
They do not acknowledge  
that my ways are best."  
And so, in my anger,  
I stated on oath,  
"I swear that they never  
shall enter my rest."

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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)*

## *See What a Morning*

See what a morning,  
gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope  
in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes,  
tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce  
Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in  
love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping:  
'Where is He laid?  
As in sorrow she turns  
from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her  
name:  
It's the Master,  
the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope,  
bringing peace to us,  
will sound till He appears.  
For He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father,  
Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit  
who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power  
and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won,  
Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

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## *Psalm 129*

"Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—let Israel now say—

**"Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me. The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows."**

The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

**May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!**

Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up, with which the reaper does not fill his hand nor the binder of sheaves his arms,

**nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you! We bless you in the name of 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: Psalm 1, p. 448*

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

### *Second Reading: Col 1:9-14, p. 982*

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

### *Sermon: The Incomparable Christ: Walking Worthily (Mark Payne)*

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#### *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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## *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.**

# 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)

## *O Bless the Lord with Joyful Song (Psalm 134)*

O bless the Lord with joyful song;  
sing hymns of pow'r and fame,  
all people who within this house  
are gathered in God's name.

Come lift your hands within this place,  
where burn the sacred signs,

and pray that now our Lord's own face  
o'er all the earth may shine.

From Zion, from this holy hill,  
O Lord, our Maker, send  
the holy knowledge of Your will,  
salvation without end.

## 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:**

<b>IN THE WEEK</b>		
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Food &amp; Chat</b>	Speak to Jenny if you would like to be involved
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	Psalm 1, God's Happy Listeners
<b>FURTHER AHEAD</b>		
<b>Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Talking Faith &amp; Music</b>	Evening with Jeff Hammer (Friends welcome!)

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