



Our Sabbath Rest

“Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.” (Exod 20:8)

Call to Worship

Behold, God is our salvation;
We will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation. *(Isa 12:2)*

**Sing praises to the LORD,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.** *(Isa 12:5)*

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.**

Psalm 104

My soul, bless the Lord!
The Lord is most great,
with glory arrayed,
majestic His state;
the light is His garment,
the skies are His shade,
and over the waters
His courts He has laid.

He rides on the clouds,
the wings of the storm,
the lightning and wind
His bidding perform;
the earth He has founded;
it firmly shall stand,
with waters its clothing
ordained from His hand.

He waters the hills
with rain from the skies,
and plentiful grass
and herbs He supplies,
gives food to the cattle,
and blesses our toil
with bread in abundance,
with wine and with oil.

The trees which the Lord
has planted are fed,
and over the earth
their branches are spread;
they keep in their shelter
the birds of the air,
the life of each creature
the Lord makes His care.

Your Spirit, O Lord,
makes life to abound,
the earth is renewed,
and fruitful the ground;
to God be all glory
and wisdom and might,
let God in His creatures
forever delight.

Rejoicing in God,
my thought shall be sweet,
while sinners depart
in ruin complete;
my soul, bless Jehovah,
His name be adored;
come praise Him, you people,
and worship the Lord!

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:

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Prov 28:13)

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

"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)

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of his love;

leading onward, leading homeward
to that glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus –
spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us,

changes never, nevermore:
he who died to save his loved ones
intercedes for them above;
he who called them his own people
watches over them in love.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best;
vast the ocean of his blessing,

sweet the haven of his rest!
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus –
for my Heaven of heavens is he;
this my everlasting glory –
Jesus' mighty love for me!

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Hymns*

God's Word

First Reading: Jer 2:1-19: Summoned to serve, p. 623

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:17-32

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

**Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.**

I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not
your commandments from me!

**My soul is consumed with longing for
your rules at all times.**

You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.

**Take away from me scorn and
contempt, for I have kept your
testimonies.**

Even though princes sit plotting against
me, your servant will meditate on your
statutes.

**Your testimonies are my delight; they
are my counsellors.**

My soul clings to the dust; give me life

according to your word!

**When I told of my ways, you answered
me; teach me your statutes!**

Make me understand the way of your
precepts, and I will meditate on your
wondrous works.

**My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!**

Put false ways far from me and
graciously teach me your law!

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your rules before me.**

I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let
me not be put to shame!

**I will run in the way of your
commandments when you enlarge my
heart!**

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

Second Reading: Exod 20:8-11: The Sabbath, p. 61

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Our Sabbath Rest (Mark Payne)

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still,
still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways
in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

Chorus

And though I walk
the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Chorus

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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

**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. *"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)*

Psalms 1

How blessed the man
who does not walk
Where wicked men
would guide his feet,
Who does not stand
in sinners' paths
Or sit upon
the scorners' seat.
The law of God
is his delight,

His meditation
day and night.

He prospers like
a tree, which has
Been planted by
a flowing stream,

And in its season
yields its fruit;
Its leaves are always
fresh and green.
In every act
and every word
He knows the blessing
of the LORD.

The chaff the wind
will blow away.
They will not in
the judgement stand,
Nor sinners with
the righteous stay.
God knows the way
the righteous go;
The wicked's way
he'll overthrow.

Not so the wicked:
they are like

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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:

IN THE WEEK		
Mon 23rd Jan	Fellowship Group	The Lord's Prayer
Wed 25th Jan	Fellowship Group	The Lord's Prayer
Thu 26th Jan	Prayer Meeting	Online
Sun 29th Jan	Morning Worship	Col 3:1-4
FURTHER AHEAD		
Thurs 9th Mar	Bi-Annual Church Meeting	
Sat / Sun 18th-19th Mar	Church Family Weekend	

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