



*The Christian Family II
- Trust in the Lord -*

*“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3)*

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.**

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.

Almighty and most merciful God,

**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)*

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,

And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

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God's Word

First Reading: Jer 11:1-17, "Broken Covenant" p. 639

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

Responsive Psalm : Psalm 119 (Sections 15 & 16**)*

*I have done what is just and right; do
not leave me to my oppressors.
**Give your servant a pledge of good; let
not the insolent oppress me.**
My eyes long for your salvation and for
the fulfilment of your righteous promise.
**Deal with your servant according to
your steadfast love, and teach me your
statutes.**
I am your servant; give me
understanding, that I may know your
testimonies!
**It is time for the Lord to act, for your
law has been broken.**

Therefore I love your commandments
above gold, above fine gold.
**Therefore I consider all your precepts
to be right; I hate every false way.**
**Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
**The unfolding of your words gives
light; it imparts understanding to the
simple.**
I open my mouth and pant, because I
long for your commandments.
**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is
your way with those who love your
name.**

Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Second Reading: Psalm 127, p. 518

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Blessing of Children in God's House (Mark Payne)

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,

**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

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

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

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)*

Praise God in His Holy Temple (Psalm 150)

Praise God in his holy temple;
praise the LORD in heavens high.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his majesty.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him for his majesty.

Praise him with the sounding trumpet;
praise him with the harp and lute.
Praise with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and flute.

Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him with the strings and flute.

Praise him with the clash of cymbals;
with loud cymbals praise accord.
Praise him, everything that's breathing!
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

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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 20th Feb	Fellowship Group	The Lord's Prayer
Wed 22nd Feb	Fellowship Group	The Lord's Prayer
Thu 9th Feb	Church Meeting	7.15pm at Church
Sun 12th Mar	Morning Worship	
FURTHER AHEAD		
Sat / Sun 18th-19th Mar	Church Family Weekend	

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