



In Christ: Pray, Say, Walk

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful
in it with thanksgiving.” (Col 4:2)*

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.

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)
Ps 103, 150*

Confession and Assurance

Hear the summary of the whole law, from our Lord Jesus Christ:

“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)

Let us therefore confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

**Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.**

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51)

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." (Ro 8:1-2)

Psalms 40

I waited, waited for the Lord,
He turned and heard my cry.
He drew me up from death's dark pit
and set me safe on high.
He put a new song in my mouth;
a song of praise to God.
That those around may see and fear
and come to trust the Lord.

How blessed the one
who trusts the LORD,
and turns from other gods.
For you, O LORD, have done great things
and there is none like you.

The wonders you have done for us
are far beyond compare.
I will proclaim with all my heart
Your boundless, matchless grace.
In sacrifice and offering
You do not take delight.
Yet you have opened up my ears,
that I may do what's right.

I said, "O Lord, here I have come
as written in the scroll.
My heart delights to do your will,
Your word is in my soul."

I'll praise your grace and righteousness
and glory in your love.
My heart will sing and shout for joy
I'll tell of all you've done.
Your mercy and your faithfulness
endure for endless days.
My sins have overtaken me,
I rest upon your grace.

O Lord be pleased to save my soul;
come quickly to my aid.
May those who seek to take my life
be turned aside in shame.
But may all those who seek your face
proclaim "Our God is great!"
Though I am weak, my Lord is strong,
my God do not delay.

Matt Searles (2020)

God's Word

First Reading: Jer 18:1-17, "Potter and Clay"

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:145-160

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O
LORD! I will keep your statutes. **I call to
you; save me, that I may observe your
testimonies.**

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I
hope in your words. My eyes are awake
before the watches of the night, that I
may meditate on your promise. **Hear my
voice according to your steadfast love;
O LORD, according to your justice give
me life.**

They draw near who persecute me with
evil purpose; they are far from your law.
**But you are near, O LORD, and all your
commandments are true. Long have I
known from your testimonies that you
have founded them forever.**

Look on my affliction and deliver me, for
I do not forget your law. **Plead my cause
and redeem me; give me life according
to your promise!**

Salvation is far from the wicked, for they
do not seek your statutes. Great is your
mercy, O LORD; give me life according to
your rules. **Many are my persecutors
and my adversaries, but I do not
swerve from your testimonies. I look
at the faithless with disgust, because
they do not keep your commands.**

Consider how I love your precepts! Give
me life according to your steadfast love.
**The sum of your word is truth, and
every one of your righteous rules
endures forever.**

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: Col 4:2-6, p. 985

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: In Christ: Pray, Say, Walk (David Thornhill-Smith)

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is
when the family of God
Dwell together in spirit,
in love and unity;
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of his presence
here among us.

*So with one voice
we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart
we'll live out his word
Til the whole world sees
the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence
of his people.*

Oh how good it is
on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the
blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is
to embrace his command
To prefer one another,
forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one
we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
and the Spirit.

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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

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,

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. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Prov 3:9)*

Psalm 57. Be Thou, O God, Exalted High.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as Your glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till You are here, as there, obeyed;
Till You are here, as there, obeyed.

Awake, my glory; harp and lute,
No longer let your strings be mute;
And I, my tuneful part to take,
Will with the early dawn awake;
Will with the early dawn awake.

O God, my heart is fixed, 'tis bent
Its thankful tribute to present;
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise
To You, my God, in songs of praise;
To You, my God, in songs of praise.

Your praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the list'ning nations 'round;
Your mercy highest heav'n transcends;
Your truth beyond the clouds extends;
Your truth beyond the clouds extends.

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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:

<i>IN THE WEEK</i>		
Thu 30th Mar	Prayer Mtg (Online)	7:15pm. Acts 19:21-41
<i>FURTHER AHEAD</i>		
6th-9th Apr Easter Services	Thanksgiving (Thu pm) Resurrection (Sun am)	Please diarise and invite others Publicity will be available soon
27th Apr	CAL Event	Billy McCurrie: <i>Would God forgive a terrorist?</i>