



Present Within Us

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”, (Acts 2:17)

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.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.
It is our greatest pleasure,
our highest privilege, our chief delight,
to meet with you, the one true and living God,
and experience your grace and favour.
Grant us power by your Holy Spirit
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.**

Amen.

Valley of Vision

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:

*"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 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

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

(John 20:19-22)

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.

*Charitie Bancroft, Vikki Cook
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God's Word

First Reading: Deut 16:9-12, p. 159

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my
whole heart, in the company of the
upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of splendour and majesty
is his work, and his righteousness
endures for ever.**

He has caused his wondrous works
to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food
for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant for ever.**

He has shown his people
the power of his works, in giving them
the inheritance of the nations.

**The works of his hands
are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and
uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for
ever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

**The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it
have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever!**

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: Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-47, p. 909

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Present Within Us (Mark Payne)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*Robert Robinson, 1758
The Psalter Hymnal, 1987*

Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)

Brothers and sisters, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

First, that He is co-eternal God with the Father and the Son.

Secondly, that He is also given unto me, by true faith makes me a partaker of Christ and all His benefits, comforts me and shall abide with me forever.

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

Psalm 67. O God, to us show mercy

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:

IN THE COMING WEEK		
Tue 30th May	Tots and Toys	10:30am at church
Tue 30th May	Women in the Word	Speak to Hilary for more details
Sun 4th June	Sunday Worship	Sin Unveiled: An Idolatrous People (Jer 7-10)