



## *Judgement Assured: Judah*

*“They have not humbled themselves even to this day, nor have they feared, nor walked in my law and my statutes that I set before you and before your fathers. ” (Jer 44:10)*

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### Call to Worship

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!**

*(Ps 47.5-7)*

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.**

## *Sing to Yahweh, Sing a New Song (Psalm 98)*

Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.  
And the Lord revealed His rescue,  
His salvation He made known;  
In the sight of ev'ry nation  
He His righteousness has shown.

He recalled His love for Isr'el,  
And to them has faithful been;  
When our God sent His salvation,  
It around the earth was seen.  
unto the Lord with gladness,  
All the earth sing joyful praise.  
To the Lord with harp make music,  
With the harp your voices raise.

With the blast of horn and trumpet,  
Shout before the Lord, the King.  
Let the sea resound with praises,  
Earth, with all its people sing.  
Let the rivers in their gladness  
Clap their hands with one accord;  
Let the mountains sing together  
And rejoice before the Lord.

For most surely He is coming,  
Judge of all the earth to be.  
Justly He will judge the peoples,  
And the world with equity.  
Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.

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## 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:

*“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 1:8-9)

Let us therefore 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)*

## *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'.

## God's Word

*First Reading: Matt 5:21-26, Sermon on the Mount (ctd)*

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

*Responsive Psalm: 116:1-9*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he

saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

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: Jer 36, p. 664. "God's Word Treated Contemptuously"*

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

*Sermon: Judgement Assured: Judah (Mark Payne)*

*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.

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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, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

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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.**

*The stewards will distribute the wine and bread.*

*Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.*

## *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.

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you." (Deut 16:17)*

## Psalm 146

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
They shall die, to dust returning,  
And their purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blest whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eyes to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
And the stranger He befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow,  
Judgement on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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## Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

**Please diarise and pray for the items below:**

| THIS WEEK                  |                  |  |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Fellowship Group |  |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July | Psalm Sing       | 7.15pm at church                         |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July   | Sunday Worship   | Eph 4. Also: Ordination, Baptism & Lunch |

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

# The Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah was called to take God's words to the people of Judah during a revival under King Josiah in 627 B.C. and continued doing so until the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians forty years later. His task was to hammer home the message that their fall was not due to any lack on God's part but was due entirely to their unfaithfulness, to listening to false prophets rather than true ones, and to living lives in service of evil.

## Theme

In ch 1:9, 10 we're given the theme of the book in poetic form, which is also the heart of God's message to Judah through Jeremiah. We can summarise the message for us as:

**Hearing Hope in Words of Judgment.** *"Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'"*

## Structure

The book is not set out chronologically, but rather moves between various perspectives of God's dealings with the people of Judah and of the full unfolding of redemption in Christ. The structure can be confusing as *Restoration* features before *Judgement*. It does, however, reflect the thematic verse above of *plucking up* and *destroying*, but not without hope - the promise includes *building* and *planting*. Jeremiah foretold a return from exile and a new covenant in which God's people would at last be His people, and would truly look to Him as their God. Israel and Judah would be reunited and finally fulfil their calling to bring light to the world. Commentators differ significantly on how the book reflects this thematic verse, but broadly speaking we have the following, which frames our sermon series:

## Outline

1. Prologue
  - a. God's Word in Jeremiah (ch. 1)
2. Sin Unveiled
  - a. Despicable Adultery (ch. 2-6)
  - b. Deceitful Idolatry (ch. 7-10)
  - c. Dark Times (ch. 11-20)
  - d. Difficult Lives (ch. 21-29)
3. Restoration (ch. 30-33)
4. Judgement Assured
  - a. Judah (ch. 34-45)
  - b. The Nations (ch. 46-51)
5. Epilogue
  - a. The Fall of Jerusalem (ch. 52)