



*The King is Here!
Come and Worship.*

*“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to
worship him.” (Matt 2:1)*

Call to Worship

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. *(1 Chr 29:11)*

**Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head above all.** *(1 Chr 29:11)*

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 145 (God My King)

God my king, I will extol you,
bless your name forevermore.
Every day, I'll sing your goodness,
hymn the greatness of the Lord.
You are praised through generations,
of your works we'll always tell.
We will praise your matchless goodness,
praise the God of Israel.

God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, rich in love.
He is good to all his creatures,
showers blessings from above.
All your works shall bless and thank you,
tell of all your mighty deeds,
celebrate your wondrous kingdom,
You shall reign in majesty.

Lord your throne will last forever,
You will reign from age to age.
You are faithful to your promise,
You are kind in all your ways.
You uphold the weak and falling,
give your strength to weary feet,
from your hand you pour forth blessing,
Satisfy our every need.

God is righteous to His promise.
He is kind in all His ways.
He is near to those who seek him,
yet the wicked casts away.
He fulfils the good desire
of his saints who fear His name.
Let all peoples praise His goodness
and forever sing His praise.

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Confession and Assurance

Hear what God's word says:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether." (Ps 139:1-4)

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

**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." (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

Micah 5:1-15, A Promised Ruler from Bethlehem, p. 778

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Psalm 2, "The Reign of the Lord's Anointed"

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Second Reading: Matt 2:1-23, p. 807

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Coming of the King: Hope of the Gentiles (Mark Payne)

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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!

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!

*Ref: Ps 103, 150
Joachim Neander (1860)*

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.

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

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)*

Psalms 45 (O King)

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

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Notes & Notices

The Gospel of Matthew

- 1:1 - 4:16 The Person of Jesus, the Christ
- 4:17 - 16:20 The Proclamation and Ministry of Jesus (Galilee)
- 16:21 - 25:46 The Proclamation and Ministry of Jesus (Judea)
- 26:1 - 28:20 The Passion, Resurrection & Commission of Jesus

The Fulfilment of Christ

- Matt 1 The Son of Abraham
- Matt 1-2 The Son of David

- Matt 1 The Greater Adam
- Matt 2, 5-7 The Greater Moses (Sermon on the Mount)
- Matt 10 The Greater Joshua (Sending out the Twelve)
- Matt 13 The Greater Solomon (Parables of the Kingdom)
- Matt 14-17 The Greater Elisha (The Kingdom Community)
- Matt 23-25 The Greater Jeremiah (The End of the Age)

- Matt 24-25 The Son of Man
- Matt 26-28 The Son of God

Please diarise and pray for the following:

<i>The Coming Week...</i>		
Thu 5 th Oct	Prayer Meeting	Online
Sun 8 th Oct	Lord's Day Worship (The Gospel of Matthew)	
<i>Further Ahead...</i>		
Sun 22 nd Oct	The Holy Spirit (Sermon and Adult Sunday School)	Bob Letham
Thu 26 th Oct	Open Air Mission visit	

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