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*The Promised Son, Seed & Servant.*

*This was to fulfil what the Lord  
had spoken by the prophet,  
“Out of Egypt I called my son.” (Matt 2:15)*

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## 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.**

## Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts to me.  
My heart cries out and even faints,  
the courts of God to see.  
The sparrow finds a place to nest,  
beside your throne of grace.  
Oh how I long to find my rest,  
and dwell with you always.

A pilgrim now for all my days,  
my gaze is set above.  
The desert blooms with autumn rains,  
You bless the ones you love.

Your people go  
from strength to strength,  
until we see your face.  
Your eyes are turned to us in love,  
You hear us when we pray.

I'd rather live for just one day  
and gaze upon my Lord.  
Than spend a lifetime far away  
from where your praise is heard.  
There's no good thing you will withhold,  
from those who follow you,  
O Lord my sun and mighty shield  
my soul will trust in you.

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## Confession and Assurance

Hear what God's word says about how he knows us:

*"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*

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to  
righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but  
have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)*

## *Psalm 34*

Tell his praise in song and story,  
bless the Lord with heart and voice;  
in my God is all my glory,  
come before him and rejoice.  
Join to praise his name together,  
he who hears his people's cry;  
tell his praise, come wind or weather,  
shining faces lifted high.

To the Lord whose love has found them  
cry the poor in their distress;  
swift his angels camped around them  
prove him sure to save and bless.  
God it is who hears our crying  
though the spark of faith be dim;  
Taste and see, beyond denying  
blessed are those who trust in him.

Taste and see, in faith draw near him,  
trust the Lord with all your powers;  
seek and serve him, love and fear him,  
life and all its joys are ours:  
true delight in holy living,  
peace and plenty, length of days;  
come, my children, with thanksgiving,  
bless the Lord in songs of praise.

In our need he walks beside us,  
ears alert to every cry;  
watchful eyes to guard and guide us,  
love that whispers 'It is I'.  
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,  
God has pledged his promised word;  
so with ransomed saints united,  
join to praise our living Lord!

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## God's Word

*Rom 13:1-7, Submission to Authorities, p. 948*

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

*Psalm 80, "Restore us, O God!"*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbours, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**

They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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: Matt 2:1-23, p. 807*

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

*Sermon: The Promised Son, Seed and Servant (Mark Payne)*

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness  
now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering  
never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam  
come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfilment  
of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption;  
see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory  
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery;  
slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;  
praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance;  
how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected  
as we will be when he comes.

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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

### *Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb  
who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember:  
The promise made  
that all who come in faith,  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace,  
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember,  
The wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

*Chorus*

The blood that cleanses  
every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember.  
He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in,  
To receive the life of God.

*Chorus*

And so with thankfulness and faith,  
We rise to respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ,  
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

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## *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 and we will 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)*

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen!

## Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

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## 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 24-25          The Son of Man
- Matt 2, 26-28      The Son of God

**Please diarise and pray for the following:**

<b><i>The Coming Week...</i></b>		
<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting, 7:15pm</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Lord's Day Worship (John the Baptist and Jesus the Son)</b>	
<b><i>Further Ahead...</i></b>		
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>The Holy Spirit (Sermon and Adult Sunday School)</b>	<b>Bob Letham</b>
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Open Air Mission visit</b>	

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