



## *Living in the Light of Eternity*

*"Where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34)*

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### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

*Psalm 95:1,2*

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 63

O LORD, my God, most earnestly  
I seek your holy face,  
within your house again to see  
the glories of your grace.  
Apart from you I long and thirst,  
and naught can satisfy;  
I wander in a desert land  
where all the streams are dry.

The loving-kindness of my God  
is more than life to me,  
so I will praise you all my days  
and pray continually.

In you my soul is satisfied,  
my darkness turns to light,  
and joyful meditations fill  
the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadow of your wings  
I sing my joy and praise.  
Your right hand is my strong support  
through troubled nights and days.  
All those who seek my life will fall;  
my life is in your hand.  
God's king and people will rejoice;  
in victory they will stand.

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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*

*"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)*

## *The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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## God's Word

### *Psalm 90 (Learning to Live Wisely)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

**You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!**

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!**

*Scripture Reading: Luke 12:1-34, p. 871*

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

*Sermon: Living in the Light of Eternity (Rev. Tim Iles)*

## Baptism of Elias James Selby

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**We will, with God's help.**

We will now renew our own baptismal covenant in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He 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.**

### *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.

*William Williams (1745)*

## *Prayers of Intercession*

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.*

*But if you need to take a seat, feel free to do so. 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!**

*Please be seated.*

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## 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, and 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 heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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## **Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

# Notices & Notes

Please diarise and pray for the following:

<i>Coming Up</i>		
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Fellowship Group: <i>Fear of the Lord</i>	See Alan F
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Psalm Sing	See Alan F
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Men's Ministry breakfast at John Magee's	See John
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Morning Worship & Adult Sunday School: <i>Holy Spirit</i>	Dr. Bob Letham
<i>Further Ahead</i>		
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Women's Christmas Event & Meal	See Hilary
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Men's Ministry at Church: <i>Defending the Faith</i>	See Alan S

## Sermon Outline

1. In the light of eternity OWN YOUR SAVIOUR.
2. In the light of eternity BE RICH TOWARDS GOD.  
*"There is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given."* (Eccl 8:15)
3. In the light of eternity SEEK TREASURE IN HEAVEN.

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