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## *The Testing of God's Son*

*Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' "* (Matt 4:10)

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### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!** (Psalm 105:1-4)

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 104 (My Soul Bless the Lord)*

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!

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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:

*"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Prov 28:13)*

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 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*

*"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)*

### *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
and clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses  
with strength and causes fears to fly;

Whose every promise is enough  
for every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow Him.

## God's Word

*Deuteronomy 8, "Remember the LORD your God" (p. 152)*

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

*Psalm 91, Our Refuge and Fortress*

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

**You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.**

You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

*Second Reading: Matt 4:1-11 (p. 809)*

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*Sermon: The Testing of God's Son (Mark Payne)*

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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!**

## *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*

**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)*

## 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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## Benediction

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

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## Notices & Notes

### 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 2-4, 26-28      The Son of God
- Matt 2-7      The Greater Moses (Sermon on the Mount)
- Matt 24-25      The Son of Man

