



Subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven II - Righteousness

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matt 5:6)*

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.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and
cheer,
Our Spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

J. M. Neale (1851)

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

"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Ps 32:3-5)

Psalms 116

I love the Lord because He hears my voice;
He has inclined His ear to hear my cry.
On Him I'll call as long as I shall live;
When death and sorrow overwhelm my life.

I call His name: "O Lord, come save my life!"
Gracious and righteous, He alone consoles.
Helpless was I; He saved me from my strife.
For He is good, come to your rest, my soul.

You, Lord, have saved my wretched soul from death;
You wiped away the tears that stained my eyes.
You kept my feet from stumbling on the ground;

So shall I walk before You all my life.
My heart believed, though my affliction great.
"All men deceive!" I said in my dismay.
How to repay what God has done for me?
Lift up His cup, and call upon His name.

I will fulfill my vows unto the Lord;
Before His people I shall make it plain.
Precious the death of godly saints to
Him.
Lord, You have loosed Your servant from
his chains.

I offer You a sacrifice of thanks.
Calling Your name, I give to You my
word.
Lord, in Your courts, before Your
gathered saints,
In Your great city, now, I praise the Lord

God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 32:1-20

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

Psalm 34:11-22

Come, O children, listen to me; I will
teach you the fear of the Lord.

**What man is there who desires life and
loves many days, that he may see
good?**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips
from speaking deceit.

**Turn away from evil and do good; seek
peace and pursue it.**

The eyes of the Lord are toward the
righteous and his ears toward their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against those
who do evil, to cut off the memory of
them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord
hears and delivers them out of all their
troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**He keeps all his bones; not one of
them is broken.**

Affliction will slay the wicked, and those
who hate the righteous will be
condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his
servants; none of those who take
refuge in him will be condemned.**

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 5:1-16

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

*Sermon: Subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven II - Righteousness (Rev Alan
Steele)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
and wither and perish but naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to
see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

(Walter Chalmers Smith)

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.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 117. Praise The Lord, O All You Nations.

Praise the Lord, O all you nations; all you peoples, sing his praise. For his love is great towards us; his commitment lasts always.	He is faithful now and ever. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
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Benediction

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

Notices

<i>Coming Up...</i>		
Thu 7 th Dec	Church Meeting re Building	7.15pm
Sun 10 th Dec	Morning worship (Rev Alan Steele)	10am

Subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven (Rev Alan Steele)

26 Nov	I	Matt 5:1-5	Inheritance
3 Dec	II	Matt 5:6-12	Righteousness
10 Dec	III	Matt 5:12-16	Tribulation

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