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## *Grace as a Place to Live*

*“Through (Christ) we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Rom 5:2)*

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### Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever. Amen!**

*(Rev 5:12-13)*

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 98: Sing to Yahweh, Sing a New Song*

Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.  
And the Lord revealed His rescue,  
His salvation He made known;  
In the sight of ev'ry nation  
He His righteousness has shown.

He recalled His love for Isr'el,  
And to them has faithful been;  
When our God sent His salvation,  
It around the earth was seen.  
Sing unto the Lord with gladness,  
All the earth sing joyful praise.  
To the Lord with harp make music,  
With the harp your voices raise.

With the blast of horn and trumpet,  
Shout before the Lord, the King.  
Let the sea resound with praises,  
Earth, with all its people sing.  
Let the rivers in their gladness  
Clap their hands with one accord;  
Let the mountains sing together  
And rejoice before the Lord.

For most surely He is coming,  
Judge of all the earth to be.  
Justly He will judge the peoples,  
And the world with equity.  
Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.

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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*

**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*

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in  
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."  
(Roms 5:1,2)*

## *Oh, the Mercy of God*

Oh the mercy of God,  
the glory of grace.  
That You choose to redeem us,  
to forgive and restore.  
And You call us Your children,  
chosen in Him.  
To be holy and blameless,  
to the glory of God.

*To the praise  
of His glorious grace.  
To the praise  
of His glory and power.  
To Him be all glory,  
honour and praise.  
For ever and ever,  
and ever, A-men.*

Oh the richness of grace,  
the depths of His love.  
In Him is redemption,  
the forgiveness of sin.  
You called us as righteous,  
predestined in Him.  
For the praise of His glory,  
included in Christ.

Oh the glory of God,  
expressed in His Son.  
His image and likeness  
revealed to us all.  
The plan of the ages,  
completed in Christ.  
That we be presented,  
perfected in Him.

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## God's Word

### *Genesis 3*

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

## *Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

**He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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: Romans 5:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Sermon: Grace as a Place to Live (Tom Underhill)*

### *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand  
years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

*John Newton (1779)*

## *Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)*

Believer, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,  
am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;  
and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.  
Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

## *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.**

## Psalm 67 (O God, To Us Show Mercy)

O God, to us show mercy  
And bless us in your grace;  
Cause now to shine upon us  
The brightness of your face;  
That so your way most holy  
On earth may soon be known,  
And unto every people  
Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you,  
Let all the nations sing;  
In every land let praises  
And songs of gladness ring;

For you shall judge the people  
In truth and righteousness,  
And you shall lead the nations  
Your justice to confess.

Let all the peoples praise you,  
All tongues and tribes should sing,  
For earth in rich abundance  
To us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us;  
Let all the earth maintain  
The praise it owes its Maker,  
The reverence due His name.

## 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)*

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## Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

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## Notes & Notices

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

<b>THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	7:15pm at the church
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	Jonny Clifton from Redeemer Church in Winchester

  

<b>FURTHER AHEAD</b>		
<b>Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Men's Ministry Meeting</b>	Ref. Alan Steele