



## *Refuge*

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help  
in trouble.” (Ps 46:1)*

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### Call to Worship

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!**

*(Ps 47.5-7)*

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 45 (O King)

O King, you are most worthy,  
of men you are the best  
Your words are true and gracious,  
you are forever blessed  
Take up your sword in splendour,  
ride forth in majesty  
For justice and mercy  
and true humility  
Your arrows pierce your enemies,  
you march across the land  
The peoples and the nations  
against you cannot stand

Your throne will last forever,  
with justice you shall reign  
You love all that is righteous  
and hate all evil gain  
So God has richly blessed you  
with joy abundantly  
Your robes are all fragrant,  
your courts are ivory  
There princesses attend you,  
sweet music from of old  
Your future queen awaits you  
arrayed in finest gold

O bride forsake all others,  
don't give your love abroad  
The king desires your beauty;  
so honour him your Lord  
The gown he gives is glorious,  
the threads are twined with gold  
In shimmering colours  
the envy of the world  
A joyful crowd is with her,  
with gladness now they sing  
And finally she enters  
the palace of the king

This king will reign forever,  
his sons upon the earth  
And ev'ry generation  
will tell of his great worth  
All nations will soon praise him  
and fall down at his feet  
His kingdom established,  
where truth and mercy meet  
O Jesus we adore you,  
our lover and our king  
Your church, your bride is waiting  
and so to you we sing

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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*

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."* (Rom 5:8-9)

## *Come People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice,  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age;  
'Our God is all in all'.

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## God's Word

*First Reading: Mark 4:35-41*

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

*Responsive Psalm: Psalm 47*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

*Second Reading: Psalm 46*

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

*Sermon: Refuge (Chris Evans)*

*God is our refuge and our strength (Psalm 46)*

God is our refuge and our strength,  
a helper ever near us.  
We will not fear though earth be moved,  
for God is nigh to cheer us.  
Although the mountains quake  
and earth's foundations shake,  
though angry billows roar  
and break against the shore,  
our mighty God will hear us.

God's city is forever blest  
with living waters welling;  
since God is there, she stands unmoved  
'mid tumults 'round her swelling.  
God speaks and all is peace,  
from war the nations cease;

God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

**The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

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!**

the Lord of hosts is nigh.  
Our father's God most high  
is our eternal dwelling.

Behold what God has done on earth;  
His wrath brings desolation.  
His grace, commanding wars to cease,  
brings peace to every nation.  
Be still, for He is Lord,  
by all the earth adored;  
the Lord of hosts is nigh.  
Our father's God most high  
is our strong habitation.

*The Psalter, 1912*

## *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.**

## *Tell Out My Soul*

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings  
give my spirit voice;  
tender to me  
the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour  
shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure,  
from age to age the same –  
his holy name:  
the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions  
lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
the hungry fed,  
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,  
the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise,  
and his mercy sure:  
tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children  
and for evermore!

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## *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><i>THIS WEEK</i></b>		
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Fellowship Group</b>	Ref: John Magee
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Morning Worship at 10am</b>	Andrew Rebound from St Mary's in Basingstoke

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

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