



Good News for All !!!

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43)

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.

**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 100. All People That on Earth do Dwell.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth,
his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless
his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe (1594)

Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“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.**

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 John 1:8, 9)

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,
and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or remain seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God,
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)

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.

God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?”

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.”

Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

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: Acts 10:34-48

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Good News for All !!! (Mark Payne)

Psalm 102 (Lord, Hear My Prayer)

Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry
Have ready access unto Thee;
When in distress to Thee I fly,
O hide not Thou Thy face from me.
Attend, O Lord, to my desire,
O haste to answer when I pray;
For grief consumes my strength like fire,
My days as smoke pass swift away.

My heart is withered like the grass,
And I forget my daily bread;
In lonely grief my days I pass
And sad my thoughts upon my bed.
My foes reproach me all the day,
My drink is tears, my bread is grief,
For in Thy wrath I pine away,
My days are like a fading leaf.

But Thou, Jehovah, shalt endure,
Thy throne forever is the same;
And to all generations sure
Shall be Thy great memorial name.
The time for Zion's help is near,
The time appointed in Thy love;
O let Thy gracious aid appear,
Look Thou in mercy from above.

The Lord, exalted on His throne,
Looked down from Heav'n with pitying
eye
To still the lowly captive's moan
And save His people doomed to die.
All men in Zion shall declare
His gracious name with one accord,
When kings and nations gather there
To serve and worship God the Lord.

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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, simply allow the bread and wine to pass by, and reflect on what is taking place.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Father, as we have received
these gifts of bread and wine,
you have fed us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and that we are members of his body.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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)

To God be the Glory !

To God be the glory -
great things He has done!
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus, the Son,
and give Him the glory -
great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

Please diarise and pray for the following:

<i>The Coming Week...</i>		
Thurs 28 th Mar	Maundy Thursday (Suffering & Death of Christ)	7pm for 7.15pm
Sun 31 st Mar	Morning Worship at 10am	Clocks go forward!
<i>Further Ahead...</i>		
Thu 4 th Apr	Psalm Sing !	7:15pm
Sat 6 th Apr	Selden College Open Day (Steve Keen & Tim Edwards)	2.30pm - See Alan
Sun 7 th Apr	Baptism (Arthur Tonkin) & Church Lunch	

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