



Freed from Everything !

“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.” (Acts 13:36-38)

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Lord is God, and he has made
his light to shine upon us.**

(Ps 118:22-24, 27)

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)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory boasting
grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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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 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

"For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."...But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." (Rom 4:3,23-25)

Psalm 24 (This Earth Belongs to God)

This earth belongs to God,
the world, its wealth, and all its people;
he formed the waters wide
and fashioned every sea and shore.

*(M) Who may go up the hill of the Lord
and stand in the place of holiness?
(F) Only the one whose heart is pure,
whose hands and lips are clean.*

Lift high your heads, you gates;
rise up, you everlasting doors,
as here now the King of glory
enters into full command.

*(M) Who is the King, this King of glory,
where is the throne he comes to claim?
(F) Christ is the King, the Lord of glory,
fresh from his victory.*

Lift high your heads, you gates,
and fling wide open the ancient doors,
for here comes the King of glory
taking universal power.

*(M) Who is the King, this King of glory,
what is the power by which he reigns?
(F) Christ is the King, his cross his glory,
and by love he rules*

All glory be to God the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit;
from ages past it was, is now,
and evermore shall be.

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God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55, p. 613

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118 (vv. 14-19)

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Acts 13:13-43, p. 922

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures 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!**

Sermon: Freed from Everything! (Mark Payne)

See What a Morning

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning
of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce
Christ is risen!

See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow
she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking,
calling her name:
It's the Master,
the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father,
Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit
who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing,
glory and praise
To the King crowned
With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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. 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 22. All Earth to Him.

*All earth to Him, shall homage bring,
the Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

The ends of all the earth shall hear
and turn unto the Lord in fear;
All kindreds of the earth shall own
and worship Him as God alone.

*All earth to Him, shall homage bring,
the Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

For His the kingdom, His of right,
he rules the nations by His might;
All earth to Him her homage brings,
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

*All earth to Him, shall homage bring,
the Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

*Psalm 22:27-31
The Psalter, 1912
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Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

Please diarise and pray for the items below:

IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS		
Thurs 4th Apr	Tots & Toys	Speak to Mark if able to assist
Sat 6th Apr	Selden College (2.30pm to 4.30pm)	Speak to Alan
Sun 7th Apr	10am Morning Worship & Church Lunch	Baptism of Arthur Tonkin

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