



## *Treasure and Anxiety*

*“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” (Matt 6:25)*

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### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!** *(Psalm 105:1-4)*

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 103 (Bless the Lord, My Inmost Being)*

Bless the Lord, my inmost being,  
lift up high his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, all that's within me,  
ponder all his deeds of grace.  
He forgives our great transgression,  
heals and lifts us from the grave,  
crowns our life with love and mercy  
satisfies us all our days.

He brings justice for the needy,  
makes them rise on eagle's wings.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
shows to Israel his deeds.  
He is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, rich in love.  
He will turn aside his anger,  
shower blessings from above.

For as high as highest heaven,  
is the Lord's unending love!  
Far as East is from the West, he  
has removed our sins from us.

Like a Father to his children,  
he is merciful to us.  
Shows compassion in our weakness;  
he remembers we are dust.

As for man, we bloom and flourish  
like a flower of the grass.  
Then we wither, then we perish.  
all our days so quickly pass.  
But God's love for those who fear him  
will endure from age to age!  
For our children and their children;  
those who walk in all his ways.

He has set his throne in heaven  
all his purpose to fulfil!  
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you who do his sovereign will.  
Bless the Lord all you his servants,  
you who tremble at his word.  
Bless the Lord, all of creation,  
O my soul now bless the Lord!

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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 Jn 1:8-10*

Therefore, let us 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*

*“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.” (Ps 103:8-14)*

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save  
Till on that cross  
as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God  
was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## God's Word

*First Reading: 1 Kings 2, p. 280*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Responsive Psalm : Psalm 85 - He will speak peace to His people*

Lord, you were favourable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**

Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger  
to all generations?

**Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

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 6:19-34, p. 811*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: Treasure and Anxiety (Mark Payne)*

*The Lord's my Shepherd - Psalm 23*

The Lord's my Shepherd,  
I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still,  
still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways  
in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk  
the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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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.**

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## 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)

## *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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## **Benediction and Dismissal**

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

