



## *Seeing More Clearly*

*“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matt 7:12)*

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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.

**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.**

## *O King, You Are Most Worthy (Psalm 45)*

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 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*

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”, “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Mark 10:45; Isa 35:10)*

### *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!  
There is no more  
for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy,  
my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine,  
I can sing, "All is mine",  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark  
but I am not forsaken.  
For by my side,  
the Saviour He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold,  
my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won,  
and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread,  
I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure,  
the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled  
and suffered for my pardon.  
And He was raised  
to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released,  
I can sing, "I am free",  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath  
I long to follow Jesus.  
For He has said  
that He will bring me home.  
And day by day  
I know He will renew me  
Until I stand  
with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## God's Word

### *First Reading: 1 Kings 14*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Responsive Psalm : Psalm 86 v1-10 'Give ear'*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am godly; save  
your servant, who trusts in you—you  
are my God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I  
cry all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your servant, for  
to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who  
call upon you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to  
my plea for grace.**

In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

for you answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods,  
O Lord, nor are there any works like  
yours.**

All the nations you have made shall  
come and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous  
things; you alone are God.**

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 7:1-12*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Sermon: Seeing More Clearly (Mark Payne)*

### *Psalm 145. God My King.*

God my king, I will extol you,  
bless your name forevermore.  
Every day, I'll sing your goodness,  
hymn the greatness of the Lord.  
You are praised through generations,  
of your works we'll always tell.  
We will praise your matchless goodness,  
praise the God of Israel.

God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, rich in love.  
He is good to all his creatures,  
showers blessings from above.  
All your works shall bless and thank you,  
tell of all your mighty deeds,  
celebrate your wondrous kingdom,  
You shall reign in majesty.

Lord your throne will last forever,  
You will reign from age to age.  
You are faithful to your promise,  
You are kind in all your ways.  
You uphold the weak and falling,  
give your strength to weary feet,  
from your hand you pour forth blessing,  
Satisfy our every need.

God is righteous to His promise.  
He is kind in all His ways.  
He is near to those who seek him,  
yet the wicked casts away.  
He fulfils the good desire  
of his saints who fear His name.  
Let all peoples praise His goodness  
and forever sing His praise.

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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)*

## *Now let the vault of heav'n resound*

Now let the vault of heav'n resound  
In praise of love that doth abound,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!"  
Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
Repeat their song of glory here,  
"Christ hath triumphed,  
Christ hath triumphed!"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And with the heav'nly blessed sing  
"Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
Thine the glory  
never ending!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Strodach, Paul Zeller, 1876-1947*

Adoring praises now we bring

## Benediction and Dismissal

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 items below:**

<i>The Coming Week...</i>		
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Church Meeting (CCS Vision, Affiliation & Location)	7.15pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship	10am
<i>Further Ahead...</i>		
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Men's Ministry (The Family)	Time TBA

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