



*Is God good enough?*

*“I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you” (Job 42.5)*

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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.**

## *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for He is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,  
above all things so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at His side  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,  
who when darkness  
and sin are abounding.  
Who when the godless are rampant,  
all goodness confounding,  
shines with His light,  
scatters the terror of night,  
safely His people surrounding.

Praise to the Lord,  
who shall prosper our work  
and defend us;  
surely His goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with His love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord -  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the "Amen!"  
sound from His people again;  
gladly with praise we adore him!

*Joachim Neander (1860)*

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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*

#### *Psalm 103 (2nd half)*

As far as east is from the west,  
So far his love has borne away  
Our many sins and trespasses  
And all the guilt that on us lay.  
Just as a father loves his child,  
So God loves those who fear his name.  
For he remembers we are dust,  
And well he knows our feeble frame.

Each human life is like the grass,  
And like a meadow flower it grows.  
Its place will never be recalled  
Once over it the tempest blows.  
But everlasting is God's love

For those who fear him, and their seed—  
For those who keep his covenant,  
And carefully his precepts heed.

God's kingly rule is over all;  
In heaven he has set his throne.  
O you his angels, praise the LORD,  
Strong ones by whom his will is done.  
O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,  
His servants who perform his word.  
Praise God, his works throughout his realm,  
And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

## God's Word

### *First Reading: Romans 8:18-39*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Responsive Psalm : Psalm 34:1-8*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his  
praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let  
the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us  
exalt his name together!

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant, and  
their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the Lord  
heard him and saved him out of all his  
troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around  
those who fear him, and delivers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is  
good! Blessed is the man who takes  
refuge in him!**

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: Job 42:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Sermon: Is God good enough? (Josh Duddy)*

## *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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## *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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## *Psalm 67 (O God, To Us Show Mercy)*

O God, to us show mercy  
And bless us in your grace;  
Cause now to shine upon us  
The brightness of your face;  
That so your way most holy  
On earth may soon be known,  
And unto every people  
Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you,  
Let all the nations sing;  
In every land let praises  
And songs of gladness ring;

For you shall judge the people  
In truth and righteousness,  
And you shall lead the nations  
Your justice to confess.

Let all the peoples praise you,  
All tongues and tribes should sing,  
For earth in rich abundance  
To us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us;  
Let all the earth maintain  
The praise it owes its Maker,  
The reverence due His name.

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## 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><b>This coming week...</b></i>		
<b>Thurs 4 Oct</b>	<b>*****No Psalm Sing*****</b>	
<b>Sun 6 Oct</b>	<b>Morning Worship 10am</b>	<b>Stuart Hull</b>

<i><b>Further ahead...</b></i>		
<b>Thurs 10 Oct</b>	<b>Informal time of Song and fellowship at Finches 7.15pm-8.30pm</b>	<b>Ref: Alan</b>

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