



The Riches of the Gospel

“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae” (Roms 16.1)

Call to Worship

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**

(Ps 47.5-7)

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 27 - LORD my God, you're my light and my salvation

LORD my God, you're my light and my salvation;
I'll not fear, you're the stronghold of my life.
When evil men draw near devouring me,
You lift your voice and they stumble and fall.

*Facing vast armies, terrors surrounding me,
I will feel no dread, ever confident,
I just ask one thing of God:
Enter his temple, gaze on his glorious face
He will shelter me, hide and cover me,
And he'll lift me high on a rock.*

Now my head is exalted high in victory,
I'll draw near, bringing gifts with shouts of joy;
O hear me, LORD my God – I cry aloud,
Be gracious to me and answer my prayer.

*I come to seek you, my heart will seek your face,
Do not turn from me, hide your face from me,*

*Or in anger turn me back;
For you have helped me, O LORD forsake me not,
Others turn from me, they've abandoned me,
But the LORD will welcome me home.*

Teach me, LORD – in your ways direct and lead me,
Guide my steps in the paths of truth and life;
Do not abandon me to violent men –
Accusers breathing out hatred and lies.

*LORD I shall see you, gaze on your righteousness,
Look upon your face, contemplate your grace,
Standing where your people live.
See now the LORD comes; stand firm and wait for him,
Let your hands be strong, let your heart be firm,
Lift your heads and wait for the LORD.*

Steve Jeffrey, 2015

Confession and Assurance

This is God's law as his will for your life:

"The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deut 6:4-7)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion.**

God's word tells us:

*“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” (Prov 28:13)*

We will therefore confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.
Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; you will not be pleased
with a burnt offering. Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51)**

Assurance of Pardon

*“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in
steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities
underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” (Mic 7:18-19)*

All Praise to Him

All praise to Him, the God of light,
who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him who names the stars
that sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our every prayer,
with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the Servant King,
who left behind His glorious throne
to pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow
to You, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise!

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God's Word

First Reading: Mark 10:17-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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: Roms 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Riches of the Gospel (Stuart Hull)

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
His grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe this far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
My shield and great reward is he
As long as life endures.

And when this mortal life is past
And earthly days shall cease,
I shall possess with Christ at last
Eternal joy and peace.

The earth will soon dissolve like snow,
The sun no longer shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

John Newton (1779)
Eph 2:4-8

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.**

Psalm 117 (Praise The Lord, O All You Nations)

Praise the Lord, O all you nations;
all you peoples, sing his praise.
For his love is great towards us;
his commitment lasts always.
He is faithful now and ever.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Benediction and Dismissal

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

Notes & Notices

Please diarise and pray for the items below:

<i>Coming meetings...</i>		
Thurs 10 Oct	Song and fellowship evening 7.15pm at Finches	Ref. Alan
Sun 13 Oct	Morning Worship - Rev Matt Faux (Cheltham)	10am

<i>Further ahead...</i>		
Tue 15 Oct	Food & Chat	Ref. Jenny

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