



Treasures in the Darkness.

“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” (Mark 6.50)

Call to Worship

Behold, God is our salvation;
We will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation.

**Sing praises to the LORD,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

(Isa 12:2,5)

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

Like Deer in Search of Floods (Psalm 42 & 43)

Like deer in search of floods,
so my soul longs for God;
I thirst for God, the Living God;
when shall I see?
My food has been my tears,
while throughout endless years
The hostile crowds around me say,
'Where is your God?'
These things I've always known
as I pour out my soul:
I've led the throng to worship God,
with shouts of praise.
*Why is my soul cast down?
In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more
my Saviour God.*

To distant lands I'll go,
still I'll remember you,
Amid the storms of life
your love sweeps over me.
By day your grace outpoured,
by night your song breaks forth;
And so I cry to God my Rock,
'Remember me!'

Now scoffers gather round,
their taunts like broken bones,
They say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'
*Why is my soul cast down?
In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more
my Saviour God.*

O God, defend my cause
from those who break your laws,
From lies and those who falsify,
deliver me.
Your light will shine on me,
your truth will set me free,
You'll lead me to your holy hill,
and there I'll dwell.
My sacrifice I'll bring
to you my glorious king,
I'll praise you with my voice and harp,
O LORD my God!
*Why is my soul cast down?
In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more
my Saviour God.*

S. Jeffery (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

*"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity
and transgression and sin." (Ex 34:6-7)*

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: Exodus 34:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 77:11-20

I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of
old.

**I will ponder all your work, and
meditate on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is
great like our God?

**You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might
among the peoples.**

You with your arm redeemed your
people, the children of Jacob and
Joseph.

**When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were
afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies
gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed
on every side.

**The crash of your thunder was in the
whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up
the world; the earth trembled and
shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path
through the great waters; yet your
footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the
hand of Moses and Aaron.

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: Mark 6:45-52

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Treasures in the Darkness (Rev Matt Faux)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,

pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing salvation's story
lost in wonder, love, and 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.**

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

**Almighty and eternal God, We thank you for reassuring us at this meal of your favour and goodness towards us, of your word for us.
We thank you that we are truly members of the body of your Son, that we are heirs, by grace, of your eternal kingdom.
We humbly beg you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church, to strengthen us by your Spirit, to draw us together in love and unity, that we may serve through those good works which you have prepared for us to do
through Jesus Christ our Lord, and for His glory. Amen.**

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall.
"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you." (Deut 16:17)

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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Benediction & 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>This Coming week...</i>		
Tue 15th Oct	Food & Chat	Ref. Jenny
Sun 20th Oct	Morning Worship - Reuben Hunter	10am

<i>...and further ahead</i>		
Thu 24th Oct	Prayer Meeting	Ref. John

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