



He is with you.

*“When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honour him.
With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”
(Ps 91:15-16)*

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

**Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (Ps 100:1-3)**

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 63 (O Lord My God Most Earnestly)

O LORD, my God, most earnestly
I seek your holy face,
within your house again to see
the glories of your grace.
Apart from you I long and thirst,
and naught can satisfy;
I wander in a desert land
where all the streams are dry.

The loving-kindness of my God
is more than life to me,
so I will praise you all my days
and pray continually.

In you my soul is satisfied,
my darkness turns to light,
and joyful meditations fill
the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadow of your wings
I sing my joy and praise.
Your right hand is my strong support
through troubled nights and days.
All those who seek my life will fall;
my life is in your hand.
God's king and people will rejoice;
in victory they will stand.

George. C. Stebbins (1878)

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

“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)

Psalm 119 (Your Word, a Light Unto My Path)

Your word, a light unto my path,
A lamp unto my feet.
My soul has sworn, and will confirm
Your righteous ways to keep.

In my affliction, give me life
According to Your word;
Accept the offer of my praise,
And teach Your law, O Lord.

This world brings danger to my soul,
Yet I uphold Your way.
The wicked lay a snare for me;
I shall not go astray.

Your promise, my inheritance;
With joy, my heart ascends!
I set my heart to keep Your word
From now until the end.

*Psalm 119:105-112 (Nun)
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God's Word

First Reading: Rom 8:31-39, p. 944

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Verse: Eph 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

**For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities—all things were
created through him and for him.**

And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

**And he is the head of the body,
the church. He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything
he might be preeminent.**

For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,

**and through him to reconcile to himself
all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

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: Psalm 91, p. 497

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: He is with you (Rev. Mark Payne)

Jerusalem the Golden

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath your contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not,
what joys await us there,
what radiance of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of those who triumph,
the song of those who feast.
And they, who with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever,
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
shall e'er I see your face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall e'er I know your grace?
Rejoice, O dust and ashes,
the Lord shall be your part!
His only, his forever,
you shall be and you are.

Bernard of Cluny (1145)
Translator: J. M. Neale
(Rev. 21-22)

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

Heavenly Father, we offer you eternal praise and thanks that you have so blessed us poor sinners, that we would be drawn into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you have delivered to death for us, and whom you have given us as the food and drink of life eternal. We humbly beg you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church, to strengthen us by your Spirit, and 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)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided:
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Benediction & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ,
Amen.**

Notices

Please diarise and pray for the items below:

<i>Coming up...</i>		
Sun 5 th Jan	Morning Worship	10am
Thu 9 th Jan	Psalm Sing at TCC	7pm refreshments; 7:15pm start
Sun 12 th Jan	Morning Worship	10am