



The Allegiance We Owe

*“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matt 22:21)*

Call to Worship

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder,
crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.”

**To him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour
and glory and might
forever and ever. Amen!**

(Rev 19:6-7a; 5:12-13)

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

Psalm 92 (It is Good to Sing Your Praises)

It is good to sing Your praises
and to thank You, O Most High,
showing forth Your lovingkindness
when the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling
of Your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises,
songs of adoration swell.

You have filled our hearts with gladness
at the works Your hands have wrought;
You have made our lives victorious;
great Your works
and deep Your thoughts.

You, O Lord, on high exalted,
reign forevermore in might;
all Your enemies shall perish,
sin be banished from Your sight.

But the good shall live before You,
planted in Your dwelling place,
fruitful trees and ever verdant,
nourished by Your boundless grace.
In His goodness to the righteous,
God His righteousness displays;
God our Rock,
our Strength and Refuge,
just and true are all Your ways!

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Confession and Assurance

“Hear, O Israel: 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 warns, and encourages us in His word: *“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy” (Prov 28:13).*

So we will confess our sins against God,
and against our neighbour.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We pause for personal prayers of confession, and will then conclude together...

O Lord, we thank you for your kindness and your merciful forgiveness given through your Son, who has died for us and who took the penalty which was rightfully ours. And now, most merciful Lord, grant that we may from this day forward live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Rom 8:1-2)

Psalm 90 (Lord, You Have Ever Been)

Lord, you have ever
been our dwelling place.
Before you made
the world of time and space,
Before you made
the mountains and the earth,
You are eternal God;
you gave them birth.

You turn all people
back to dust and say,
"O human race,
to dust again decay."
Because a thousand
years are in your sight
Like yesterday
or like a watch by night.

Into death's sleep
you sweep them all away,
For they are like
the grass at break of day—
Although it springs up
new with morning light,
It dries and perishes
before the night.

Your wrath consumes us;
we are terrified.
Before your gaze
our sins we cannot hide.
Under your anger
all our days pass by;
Our years come to their finish
with a sigh.

Our years amount to
seventy in length,
Or even eighty
if we have the strength.
And yet our days
in grief and pain are passed;
They quickly end;
away we fly at last.

The power of your anger
who can know?
Your wrath's as great
as is the fear we owe.
Teach us to number
all our days aright;
So will our hearts be filled
with wisdom's light.

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God's Word

First Reading: Rom 13:1-7, p. 948

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 60

O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. You have made your people see hard things; you have given us wine to drink that made us stagger.

You have set up a banner for those who fear you, that they may flee to it from the bow. That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

God has spoken in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is my scepter. Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

**Who will bring me to the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom? Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go forth, O God, with our armies. Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.**

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 22:15-22, p. 827

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Allegiance We Owe (Mark Payne)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield,
sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

Thou my soul's shelter
and thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (v. 1-3)

Here, O my Lord,
I see Thee face to face;
Here would we touch
and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer
hand eternal grace
and all my weariness
upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed
upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee
the royal wine of heav'n;

Here would I lay
aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh
the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of
banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly
table spread for me;
Here let me feast,
and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour
of fellowship with Thee.

Horatio Bonar (1855)

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.**

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (v. 4-5)

Too soon we rise,
the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not
the love, is past and done;
Gone are the bread and wine,
but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever,
still my Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast
thus comes, and passes by;
Yet passing, points to the
glad feast above;
Giving sweet foretaste
of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast
of bliss and love.

Horatio Bonar (1855)

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)

Doxology & Benediction

Doxology

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to Him alone.

Benediction

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

Sermon Outline

The Allegiance We Owe

Introduction

Rendering to Caesar

Rendering to God

- *The Principle*
- *The Problem*

Notices for Calendars & Prayers

Please diarise and pray for the items below:

<i>Upcoming...</i>		
Wed 9 th July	Fellowship Group	7:30pm
Sun 13 th July	Morning Worship and Church Picnic	10am and 1pm