



Keep walking in Christ

*“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him”
(Col 2:6)*

Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Psalm 95:1,2

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 27

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

**Almighty and most merciful God, 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

*"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)*

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: Deut 30:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 36

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

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: Col 2:6-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Keep walking in Christ (Angus Franz)

O Church Arise

O Church, arise,
and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say
that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war,
to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have
the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes
lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come
put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run
with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls
and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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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.**

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)*

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 & 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>		
Tues 21st Oct	Food and Chat	Ref. Jenny
Sun 26th Oct	Morning Worship at 10am - Rev Tim Iles	
Sun 26th Oct	Afternoon Service at 4pm	

<i>And further ahead...</i>		
Sat 8th Nov	Psalm Roar - held at St Francis Church	Ref. Alan

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