



And who is my neighbour?

*"But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus,
"And who is my neighbor?"" (Lk 10:29)*

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

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

(Rev 5:12-13)

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 19 (The heavens high declare)

The heavens high declare
The glory of our God.
The sky above proclaims
His handiwork abroad.
Both day and night reveal the Lord
Reveal the Lord
Throughout the world their voice is
heard.

In them he's placed the sun
Which, like a bridegroom, leaves
His chamber—a strong man
Who runs with joyfulness.
From end to end it runs its course
It runs its course
And blazes forth its glorious heat.

Sun-like, God's perfect law
Brings light and life to men.
His testimony's sure,
Imparting his wisdom.
How right, how pure, how clean, how
true

How clean, how true
His words and works. What joy they
bring!

To be desired more
Than gold are all God's rules.
Than richest honeycomb
More sweetness they exude.
By them we're warned. God's words
bring life
God's words bring life,
Fulness of life and great reward.

O cleanse me from all sin
And may I live a life
That trusts your gracious words
And lets your glory shine.
May all my words and all my thoughts
And all my thoughts
Please you my Lord, Redeemer, Rock.

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Confession and Assurance

Hear the summary of the whole law, from our Lord Jesus Christ:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

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

God's word tells us:

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn 1:8-9)

Let us 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 Father,
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

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)

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.

God's Word

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 28

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm : Psalm 142

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with
my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

**I pour out my complaint before him; I
tell my trouble before him.**

When my spirit faints within me, you
know my way!

**In the path where I walk they have
hidden a trap for me.**

Look to the right and see: there is none
who takes notice of me; no refuge
remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

**I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my
refuge, my portion in the land of the
living."**

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very
low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for
they are too strong for me!

**Bring me out of prison, that I may give
thanks to your name! The righteous
will surround me, for you will deal
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: Luke 10:25-42

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: And who is my neighbour? (Dr Alastair Roberts)

O sacred Head, now wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss 'til now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, you are invited to respond:

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, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

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, and 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. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce."* (Prov 3:9)

We rest on thee

We rest on thee,
our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength,
safe in thy keeping tender,
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
strong in thy strength,
safe in thy keeping tender,
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yea, in thy name, O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name,
all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness,
our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness,
our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith,
our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more
each day thy grace to know:
yet from our hearts

a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee,
and in thy name we go”;
yet from our hearts
a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee,
and in thy name we go.”

We rest on thee,
our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle,
thine shall be the praise;
when passing through
the gates of pearly splendour,
victors, we rest with thee,
through endless days;
when passing through
the gates of pearly splendour,
victors, we rest with thee,
through endless days.

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Benediction

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

Notices & Notes

Please diarise and pray for the following:

Tues 25 th Nov	Women in the Word	Ref: Hilary
Sun 30 th Nov	Morning Worship - Rev Reuben Hunter	10am
	Afternoon : ‘Learning to give attention’ Reuben Hunter	4pm