



## *Consummation of the Gospel*

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14)*

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### Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
For he has visited and redeemed his people.

**And has raised up a horn of salvation for us,  
In the house of his servant David.**

*(Luke 1:68-69)*

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**And we have seen his glory.**

*(John 1:14)*

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.**

## *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven,  
and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as,  
the curse is found.

He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

*(Isaac Watts, 1719)*

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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 1:8-10*

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*

*"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Tim 1:15)*

## *Psalm 96: O Sing a New Song to the Lord*

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
All earth sing to the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord, and bless His name;  
'He saves' each day proclaim.  
His glory to all nations show;  
His deeds let peoples know.

The Lord is great, great praise He's due.  
He's feared above all gods.  
For peoples' gods mere idols are;  
The Lord the heavens made.  
Before Him honor, majesty,  
And strength and splendor dwell.

O families of earth, ascribe  
All glory to the Lord.  
All strength ascribe unto the Lord,  
Give glory due His name.  
Come to the Lord, in majesty,  
And strength and splendor dwell.

In beautiful and holy robes  
Bring worship to the LORD.  
All earth, before Him stand in awe;  
Proclaim, "The LORD is King!"  
Controlled by Him, the world stands firm;  
His judgments justice bring.

Let heav'ns be glad  
and earth rejoice.  
Let seas roar for the LORD;  
From all that fills the heights and depths  
To Him be joy outpoured;  
Let fields and forest trees sing out  
A song of endless joy.

Let all prepare to greet the LORD,  
Because He coming is.  
He surely comes to judge the earth.  
And righteousness is His  
He'll nations judge with faithfulness,  
The world with justice bless.

*Words: The Book of Psalms for Singing*

## God's Word

### *Responsive Verses: Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;

**they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
**to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

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!**

### *Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-21, p. 857*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Sermon: Consummation of the Gospel (Rev. Mark Payne)*

## *Psalm 98: Sing to Yahweh, Sing a New Song*

Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.  
And the Lord revealed His rescue,  
His salvation He made known;  
In the sight of ev'ry nation  
He His righteousness has shown.

He recalled His love for Isr'el,  
And to them has faithful been;  
When our God sent His salvation,  
It around the earth was seen.  
unto the Lord with gladness,  
All the earth sing joyful praise.  
To the Lord with harp make music,  
With the harp your voices raise.

With the blast of horn and trumpet,  
Shout before the Lord, the King.  
Let the sea resound with praises,  
Earth, with all its people sing.  
Let the rivers in their gladness  
Clap their hands with one accord;  
Let the mountains sing together  
And rejoice before the Lord.

For most surely He is coming,  
Judge of all the earth to be.  
Justly He will judge the peoples,  
And the world with equity.  
Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song  
For the wonders He has done;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Have for Him the vict'ry won.

## *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:*

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.**

## *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth

*(Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn)*

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## **Benediction and Dismissal**

Go in peace.

Proclaim the Word made flesh.

**Glory, thanks and praise to God.  
Amen!**

## Notes & Notices

**Please diarise and pray for the items below:**

<b>Coming up...</b>		
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Morning Worship - Mark Payne</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Morning Worship - Chris Roberts</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Psalm Sing at TCC</b>	<b>7pm refreshments; 7:15pm start</b>

## Advent Series to Christmas

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Need for the Gospel (Zech 3:1-10)	10am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joy in the Gospel (Psalm 126)	10am
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Peace of the Gospel (Zech 9:9-17)	10am
<b>Today</b>	<b>Consummation of the Gospel (Luke 2:1-21)</b>	<b><u>** 9:30am **</u></b>