



**SERVICE ORDER**  
**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Lord God, govern our hearts by your Holy Spirit.  
Make us mindful of the end of all things and the day of your just judgment.  
Stir us up to lead holy lives, and let us live with you forever.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCE: LUKE 21:19**

*Stand Firm, and you will win life.*

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**INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**LHS 528 CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night;  
dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me;  
joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley

## CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,  
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your  
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the  
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be  
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to  
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He  
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.  
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

## ISAIAH 12

<sup>12</sup> In that day you will say: 'I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.  
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defence<sup>[a]</sup>;  
he has become my salvation.'

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid**

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say: 'Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid**

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.'

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid**

**Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray to be ready for Christ's return.*

[silence]

*Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, to wait for you,  
to wish for you, and to watch for you,*

*so that when you come again you will find us ready.*

*For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25** God's glorious new creation (NIVUK)

<sup>17</sup> 'See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. <sup>20</sup> 'Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach<sup>[a]</sup> a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,' says the LORD.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** The obligation to work (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching<sup>[a]</sup> you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food

without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.’ <sup>11</sup>We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup>And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*(Jesus said:) Now when these things begin to take place,  
stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19** Signs of the end of the age

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>‘As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied: ‘Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and, “The time is near.” Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup>When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.’ <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them: ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>‘But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup>And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup>But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup>For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed

even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

*After the reading  
This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for promising to be with us  
when we face times of trial.*

*Help us not to be afraid, but to stand firm.*

**Amen.**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **AT 254 I GIVE YOU MY JOYS AND SORROWS**

**I thank you for life, for the life that you gave, my Lord and King.  
With joy in my heart I will lift up your name. To you I sing.**

**I give you my joys and sorrows, I give you all my tomorrows.  
Lord, your love will make all things new. I trust in you.**

**The beauty of nature that you let me see amazes me.  
We long for perfection, you sent us your Son. Life has begun.**

**I give you my joys and sorrows, I give you all my tomorrows.  
Lord, your love will make all things new. I trust in you.**

**You send me your marvellous peace from above. Peaceful I stand.  
I will be united with others in love in your new land.**

**I give you my joys and sorrows, I give you all my tomorrows.  
Lord, your love will make all things new. I trust in you.**

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### **SERMON**

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### **10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.**

**For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, 10,000 reasons for my heart to find:**

**(To) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come,  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending, 10,000 years and then forever more.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.  
I will worship Your holy name. I will worship Your holy name.**

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Great and merciful God,  
help us not to get tired of doing what is right,  
but to give of ourselves in serving you  
and helping others.*  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Jesus reminds us that for as long as this world continues, there will be all kinds of disaster and trouble. In his name then, let us pray to our Father in heaven for all the people of the world.*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for promising to make all things new, our work included. Give us patience and perseverance as we wait for Jesus to come in glory, and keep us firm in faith and diligent in the work you've given us to do here while we wait.  
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

We pray for the church, that it may not be led astray by people falsely presenting themselves in your name. Keep your church free from the corruptions of power and privilege, and give it understanding and courage as nations go to war and the natural world groans with the weight of human sin.  
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Thank you dear Father for the blessings you shower on us through the work of others - voluntary and paid. And thank you for our own roles in life. Please give worthwhile work to all who are capable of it, bless workers with satisfaction and success in what they do, and remove all sin from the workplace.  
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Guide all young people as they prepare to make their own contribution to the world, and watch over those in this congregation who are beginning new careers. Make the schools of our church places where staff and students work together in your name and for your glory.

*Lord, in your mercy:*    **hear our prayer**

Have mercy dear Father on this poor world, especially as it stands in ignorance of you and of our Saviour Jesus Christ. So send out your gospel to all the world and to those in our neighbourhood too. Equip us with loving hearts and hands to help where we can, and make us effective witnesses for you.

*Lord, in your mercy:*    **hear our prayer**

Heal the sick, dear Father, and comfort the dying with faith in Jesus. And meet the needs of all those we know to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*.

*Lord, in your mercy:*    **hear our prayer**

Lord God, you care for us so much that you have promised that not a hair on our heads will perish as we face the trials and tribulations of this world. Give us true faith in you, and trust that you will hear and answer our prayers. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



## **BLESSING**

*Let us bless the LORD.*

**God be praised forevermore.**

*The LORD bless us and keep us.*

*The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.*

*The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.*

**Amen!**

## **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING**

*May God make you strong in your faith.*

*May God give you wise words to speak up for him.*

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## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace and stand firm in the Lord.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **LHS 346 FORTH IN THY NAME O LORD I GO**

**Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue,  
you, Lord, alone resolved to know, in all I think, or speak, or do.**

**Each task your wisdom has assigned still let me cheerfully fulfill,  
in all my works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.**

**You may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command, and offer all my works to you.**

**Give me to bear your easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to your glorious day;**

**For you delightfully employ all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with you to heaven.**

Charles Wesley

## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading (a): Isaiah 65:17-25**

#### **LHS**

- 464 Songs of praise the angels sang
- 484 Blessed are the heirs of heaven
- 732 Comfort, comfort all my people
- 739 When the King shall come again

#### **AT**

- 25 Comfort, comfort all my people
- 254 I give you my joys and sorrows
- 480 On the day I called

### **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

#### **LHS**

- 185 Sun of righteousness divine
- 342 Watch, my soul, and pray
- 346 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go
- 348 Jesus, Master, at Thy word
- 383 O Lord, who hast my place assigned
- 525 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
- 811 Praise and thanksgiving
- 813 For strength to work till close of day
- 844 Sent out by God's blessing
- 856 Give me oil in my lamp

#### **AT**

- 85 Give me oil in my lamp
- 168 Hear our prayer
- 230 Christ the worker
- 242 Son of the Father
- 294 God give you joy
- 297 Let us talents and tongues employ

### **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

#### **LHS**

- 4 Once He came in blessing
- 134 Come, O come, Thou quickening Spirit
- 181 Abide, O dearest Jesus
- 197 Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy word
- 244 Lord, pour Thy Spirit from on high
- 340 Be thou faithful unto death
- 353 Holy Father, Thou hast taught me
- 731 Come, Lord Jesus, come GS
- 790 O Lord of light, who made the stars
- 889 Each morning with its newborn light

#### **AT**

- 20 Come, Lord Jesus, come
- 221 They were waiting
- 300 Practise love (v 4)
- 309 When the Lord returns