



Welcome to worship

Sunday 16 March 2025, 10am

Our theme: Living in a Fallen World

Welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

An opening prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you
**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song: MP1334

¹My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (*repeat verse*)

*Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

²When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus (repeated)

³When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (repeated)

(Edward Mote, add. Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan and Eric Liljero)

Song: (not in Mission Praise)

¹In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

²To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost

To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

³And the morning that you rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

⁴And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

(Repeat last line)

(Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Gabrielle Fraser)

Song: MP1101

¹Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,

Every sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that you'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me,
Reign in your power;
Over all my dreams,
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again?*

²Over every thought,
Over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause you mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't you reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me... (repeat)

*Won't you reign in me again,
Won't you reign in me again.*

(Brenton Brown)

Confession

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect – for the second Sunday of Lent, rewritten by Melissa.

Almighty God,
May you lead us out of our sinful ways and onto the path of righteousness
to live a life of truth. Allow all those who follow your teachings and commit
their lives to you to be admitted into the kingdom of heaven and that we
reject all things that do not please you. Let us lead our lives according to
your word and be devoted to you never to lose sight of your almighty grace
and love.

Through our lord Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you in the unity
of Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
Amen

Song: MP 1168

¹Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour;
The hope of nations.

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

²So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures;
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in;
Now I surrender.

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light
And let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King.

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He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
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Jesus conquered the grave.*

(Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding)

Bible readings read by Michael and Matt

1 Peter 4 12-19 p 1220 in the Church Bibles

Suffering for Being a Christian

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And,

“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Matthew 6 25-34 p971 in the Church Bibles

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[e]?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk prepared by Piotr and Dan

Song: MP1151

¹Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

²'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Chorus:

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

³The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus (repeat).

⁴The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

(John Newton, John P Rees, Edwin O Excell, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio)

Thanksgiving for our offering written by Ruth

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family**

in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Intercessions led by Isla, Janiah and Harrison who have all chosen prayers to read

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 for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Song: MP 445

¹Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,*

*Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

²Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

³As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

(Graham Kendrick)

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you all, ever more.

Amen

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