



Sunday Service – 26 July

Welcome

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Reading

Psalm 104

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

² The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent
³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

⁴ He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

⁸ they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.

⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.

¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.

¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

- ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate –
bringing forth food from the earth:
- ¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts.
- ¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- ¹⁷ There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers.
- ¹⁸ The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.
- ¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.
- ²⁰ You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- ²¹ The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.
- ²² The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.
- ²³ Then people go out to their work, to their labour until evening.
- ²⁴ How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number –
living things both large and small.
- ²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- ²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
- ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
- ³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works –
- ³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.
- ³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above

Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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 thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life and delivered us from the slavery of sin and the fear of death into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made once for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin: do this in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

Draw near through faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn

Behold our God

Blessing