

# Order of Service Sunday Morning, 28 January 2024 – Rev Andy Longwe

#### **Call to Worship**

**Song of Adoration: Psalm 100** (Scottish Psalter; Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>, 163)

1 All people that on earth do dwell,Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,

Come ye before him and rejoice.

3 Know that the LORD is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make: We are his flock, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

4 O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto: Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

5 For why? the LORD our God is good,

His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood,

And shall from age to age endure.

#### **Prayer of Adoration with the Lord's Prayer**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Bible reading

Romans 8 (p 944)

## **Song of Confession: O Great God of Highest Heaven**

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O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,

make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon: The Greatest Chapter in the Bible: Life in the Spirit (part 2)

**Song of Thanksqiving: Psalm 23** (Scottish Psalter; Tune: Wiltshire, 118)

1 The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want.

2 He makes me down to lie In pastures green: he leadeth me

the quiet waters by.

3 My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:

For thou art with me; and thy rod

and staff me comfort still.

5 My table thou hast furnished

in presence of my foes;

My head thou dost with oil anoint,

and my cup overflows.

6 Goodness and mercy all my life

shall surely follow me:

And in GOD's house for evermore

my dwelling-place shall be.

# Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism O&A 75 (communal reading)

Q. How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him. With this command come these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

# **Lord's Supper**

#### Song of Response: Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

Slain for us: and we remember:

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Torn for you: eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,

Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,

Shed for you: drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith We rise to respond: and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering,

We proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven

Around the table of the King.

#### **Benediction**

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