



Order of Service
Sunday Morning, 19 May 2024 – Mr Dick Haffenden

Call to Worship

Song of Praise: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, o God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

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Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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.

Song of Confession: Psalm 130 (Tune: Martyrdom, 71)

1 LORD, from the depths I call to you;
2 Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

5 I wait—my soul waits—for the LORD;
my hope is in his word.

6 More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord.

3 LORD, in your presence who can stand,
if you our sins record?

7 O Isr'el, put your hope in God,
for mercy is with him

4 But yet forgiveness is with you,
that we may fear you, LORD.

8 And full redemption. From their sins
his people he'll redeem.

Confession of Faith: Canons of Dort, Parts 3 & 4, Article 7

The mystery of God's will He revealed under the Old Covenant to few, and under the New Covenant to many, (the distinction between various peoples having been removed). The reason for this different arrangement is not the worthiness of one nation above another, nor better use of the light of nature. It is the appointment of the sovereign good pleasure and undeserved love of God.

Hence, they to whom such grace is appointed beyond and contrary to all they deserve ought to acknowledge it with a humble and thankful heart.

But in regard to the others to whom this grace is not given, they ought to adore with the Apostle, and not curiously pry into, the severity and justice of God.

Bible reading

Joshua 24:1-28 (p 198)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 40:1-5 (Tune: Walton, 175)

1 I waited long upon the LORD;
He heard my cry and turned to me.
2 He raised me from the slimy pit
And from the mire he pulled me free.

Many will look with godly fear
And on the LORD alone rely.
4 Blessèd are they who trust the LORD,
Who shun the proud and gods that lie.

He set my feet on solid rock,
A place to stand both firm and broad.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
A joyful hymn of praise to God.

5 The wonders you have done, O LORD,
How many and how great they are!
Your plans for us are far beyond
Our power to number or declare.

Sermon: *All of Grace*

Song of Response: Amazing Grace

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Amazing 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.

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

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Benediction