



Order of Service
Sunday Evening, 26 April 2025 – Rev. Andy Longwe

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration: Psalm 103:1-10 (Tune: Before the Throne, 178)

1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.

2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.

3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;

4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

5 He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your youthful vigour is renewed.

6 The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.

7 To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.

9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.

10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.

11 How great his love—as high as heaven—
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Confession: Psalm 103:12-22 (Tune: Before the Throne, 178)

12 As far as east is from the west,
So far his love has borne away
Our many sins and trespasses
And all the guilt that on us lay.

13 Just as a father loves his child,
So God loves those who fear his name.

14 For he remembers we are dust,
And well he knows our feeble frame.

15 Each human life is like the grass,
And like a meadow flower it grows.

16 Its place will never be recalled
Once over it the tempest blows.

17 But everlasting is God's love
For those who fear him, and their seed—

18 For those who keep his covenant,
And carefully his precepts heed.

19 God's kingly rule is over all;
In heaven he has set his throne.

20 O you his angels, praise the LORD,
Strong ones by whom his will is done.

21 O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,
His servants who perform his word.

22 Praise God, his works throughout his realm,
And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession, Chap. 13, 'Of Sanctification' (communal reading)

1. Those who are at one time effectively called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the various lusts of it are weakened and put to death more and more; those who are sanctified are given life and strengthened more and more in all of the saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

2. This sanctification is throughout the whole person, yet imperfect in this life, because some remnants of corruption still remain in every part of the person, from which a continual and irreconcilable war arises, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

3. In this war, although the remaining corruption may prevail for a time, yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part of the person wins, so that the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Psalm 133 (Tune: Bishopthorpe, 34) during which the **Offering** will be taken

1 How excellent a thing it is,
how pleasant and how good,
When brothers dwell in unity
and live as brothers should!

3 Like Hermon's dew, upon the hill
of Zion it descends.
The LORD bestows his blessing there—
the life that never ends.

2 For it is like the precious oil,
poured out on Aaron's head,
That, running over, down his beard,
upon his collar spread.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Bible reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (*p*)

Sermon: Clothed in Christ: Living Out Who You Are

Song of Response: O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Benediction

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