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# The Gospel of Mark

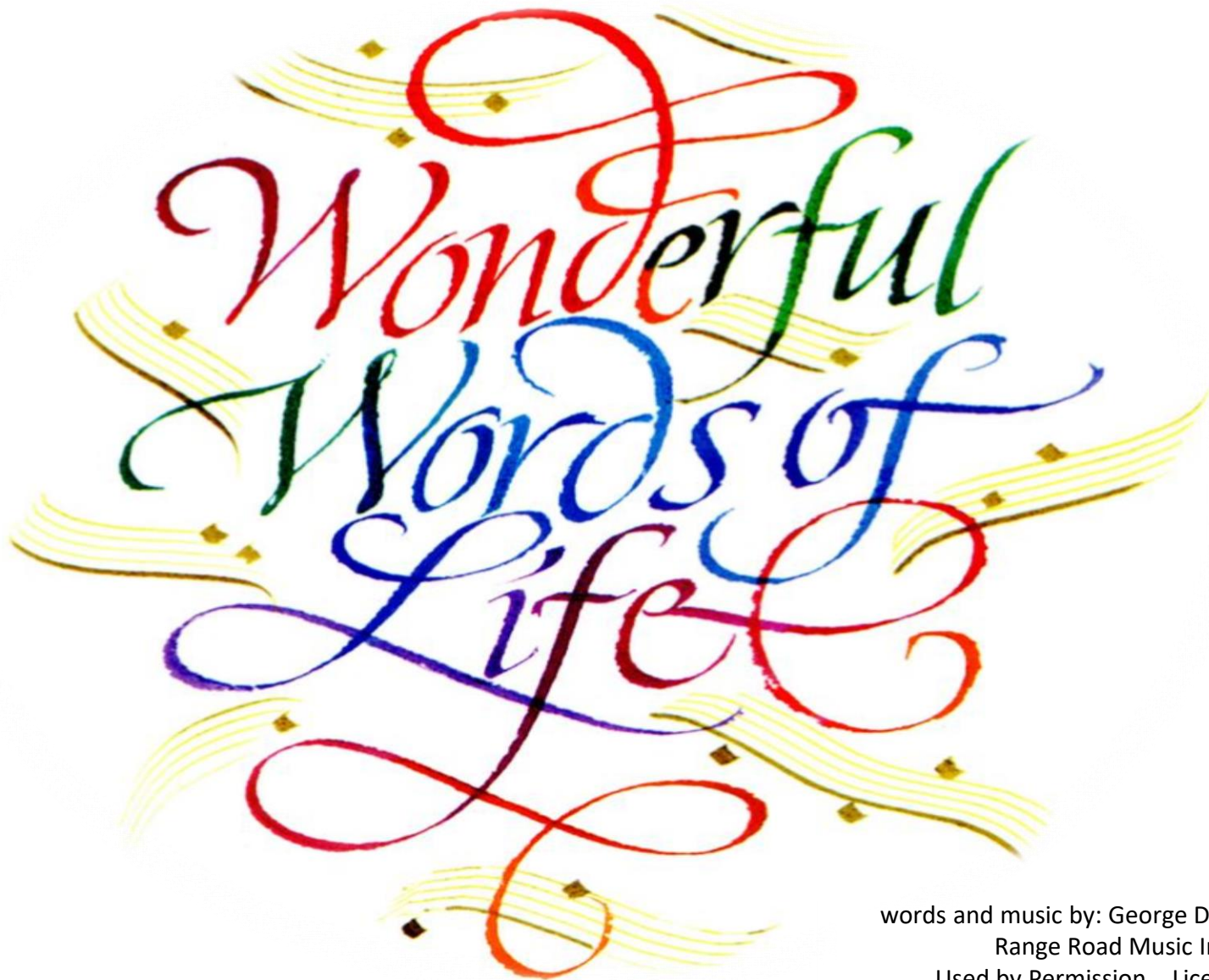
“Power and Authority  
in the Person of Christ”

Mark 1:21-28

Join the Journey

**JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany



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Verse 1

**Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life,  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;**

Chorus

**Words of life and beauty**

**Teach me faith and duty.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**Wonderful words of life;**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**Wonderful words of life.**

Verse 2

**Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life;**

Chorus

**All so freely given,**

**Wooing us to heaven.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**Wonderful words of life;**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**Wonderful words of life.**

Verse 3

**Sweetly echo the Gospel call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life;**

*Chorus*

**Jesus, only Savior,  
Sanctify us forever.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.**



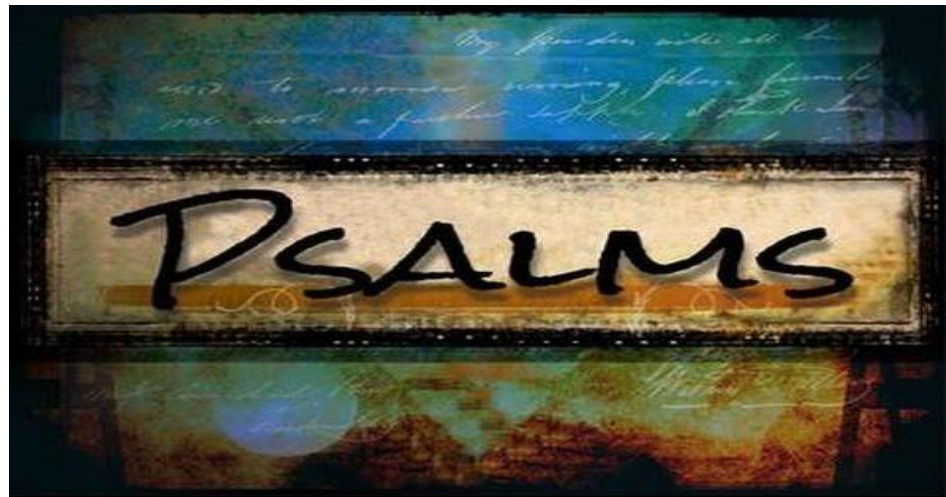


**WELCOME**  
we're glad you are here

**Greetings and Announcements:  
Rev. Rob Henderson**

# Choir practice !!





*Psalm 111 (George Black Psalter)*

**Refrain:**

***“The fear of God is the beginning  
of wisdom.”***

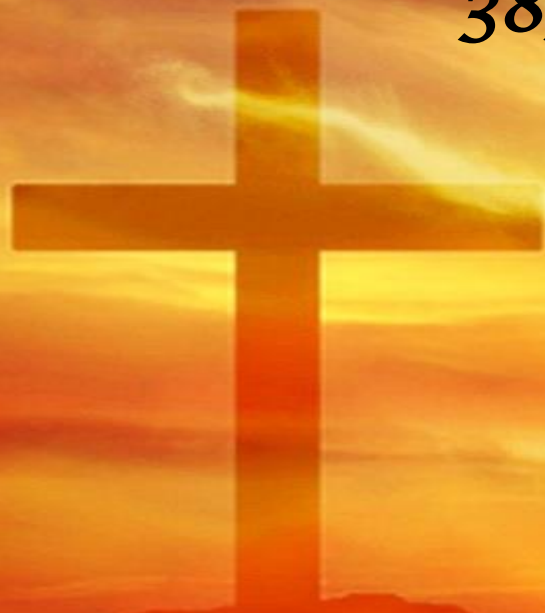
# *How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds*

**How sweet the Name  
Of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows,  
Heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.**



*Jesus Shall Reign*  
*Book of Common Praise*

383



Verse 1

**Jesus shall reign  
where'er the sun  
Doth its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch  
from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax  
and wane no more.**

Verse 2

**People and realms  
of every tongue**

**Dwell on His love with sweetest song;**

**And infant voices  
shall proclaim**

**Their early blessings on His Name.**

Verse 3

**Blessings abound  
where'er He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps  
to lose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blessed.**



Verse 4

**Let every creature  
rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend  
with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!**



# ***THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY***

***Celebrant:***

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Almighty God,**

*People:* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you 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.**

*Glory to  
God on  
High*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise*

*365*



Verse 1

**Glory to God on high,  
And peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
Our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
Almighty God and Father  
Blessed in glory bright.**

Verse 2

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
The Father's only Son,  
The sacrificial Lamb,  
Who saves the world from sin,  
Have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
Now hear our prayer.**

Verse 3

**You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
With Father and with Spirit  
One in glorious light.**

*We say together the Collect for today:*

**Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;**



**through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen**



# THE READINGS

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# *The Proclamation of the Word*



**A Reading from The First Letter Of  
Paul To The Corinthians (8:1-13)**

*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

**Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.**

**Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth --as in fact there are many gods and many lords-- yet for us there**

**is one God, the Father, from whom  
are all things and for whom we exist,  
and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through  
whom are all things and through  
whom we exist. It is not everyone,  
however, who has this knowledge.  
Since some have become so  
accustomed to idols until now,**

**they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling**

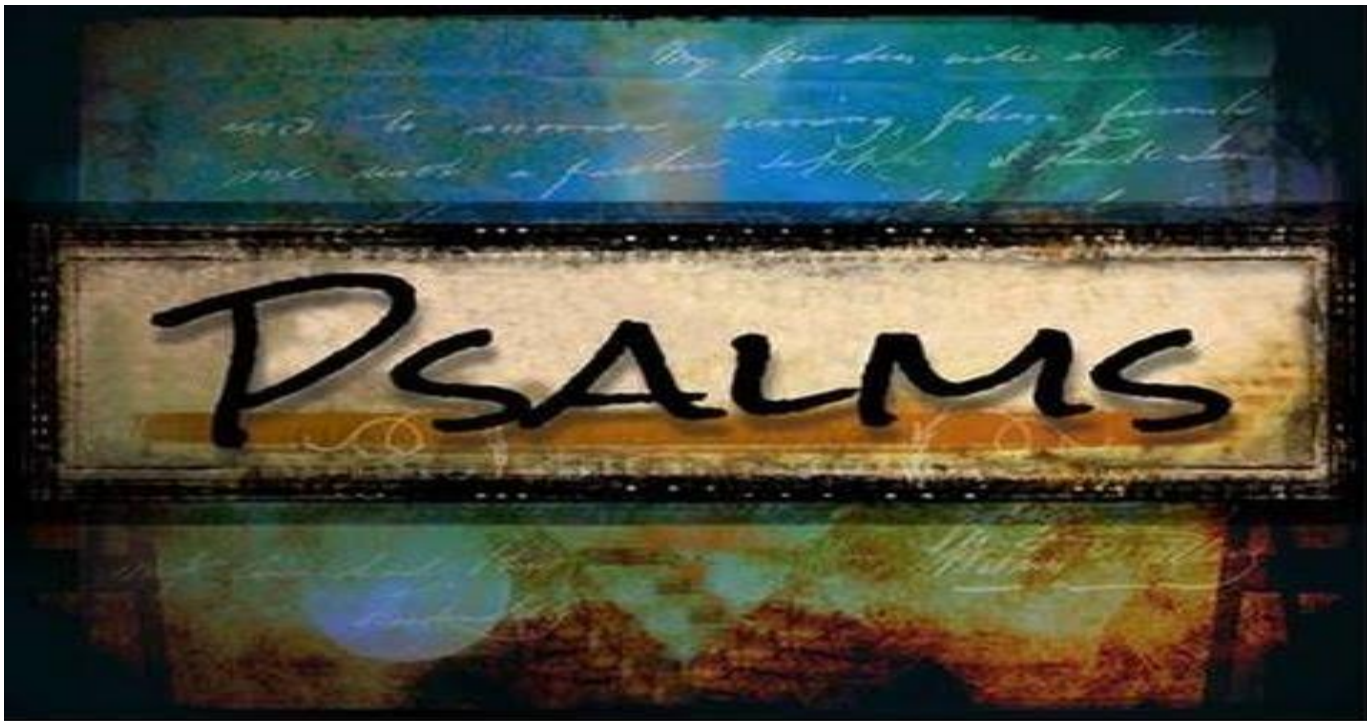
**block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So, by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.**



**But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.**

*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 111 (George Black Psalter)*

**Refrain :**

***“The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.”***

**Hallelujah!**

**I will give thanks to God with my  
whole heart  
in the assembly of the upright, in the  
congregation  
Great are the deeds of God!  
they are studied by all who delight in  
them.**

***The fear of God is the  
beginning of wisdom***

**Hallelujah!**

**Your work, O God, is full of majesty  
and splendor.**

**and your righteousness endures  
forever.**

**You make your marvelous works to be  
remembered you are gracious and full  
of compassion.**

***The fear of God is the  
beginning of wisdom***

**Hallelujah!**

**You give food to those who fear you.  
you are ever mindful of your  
covenant.**

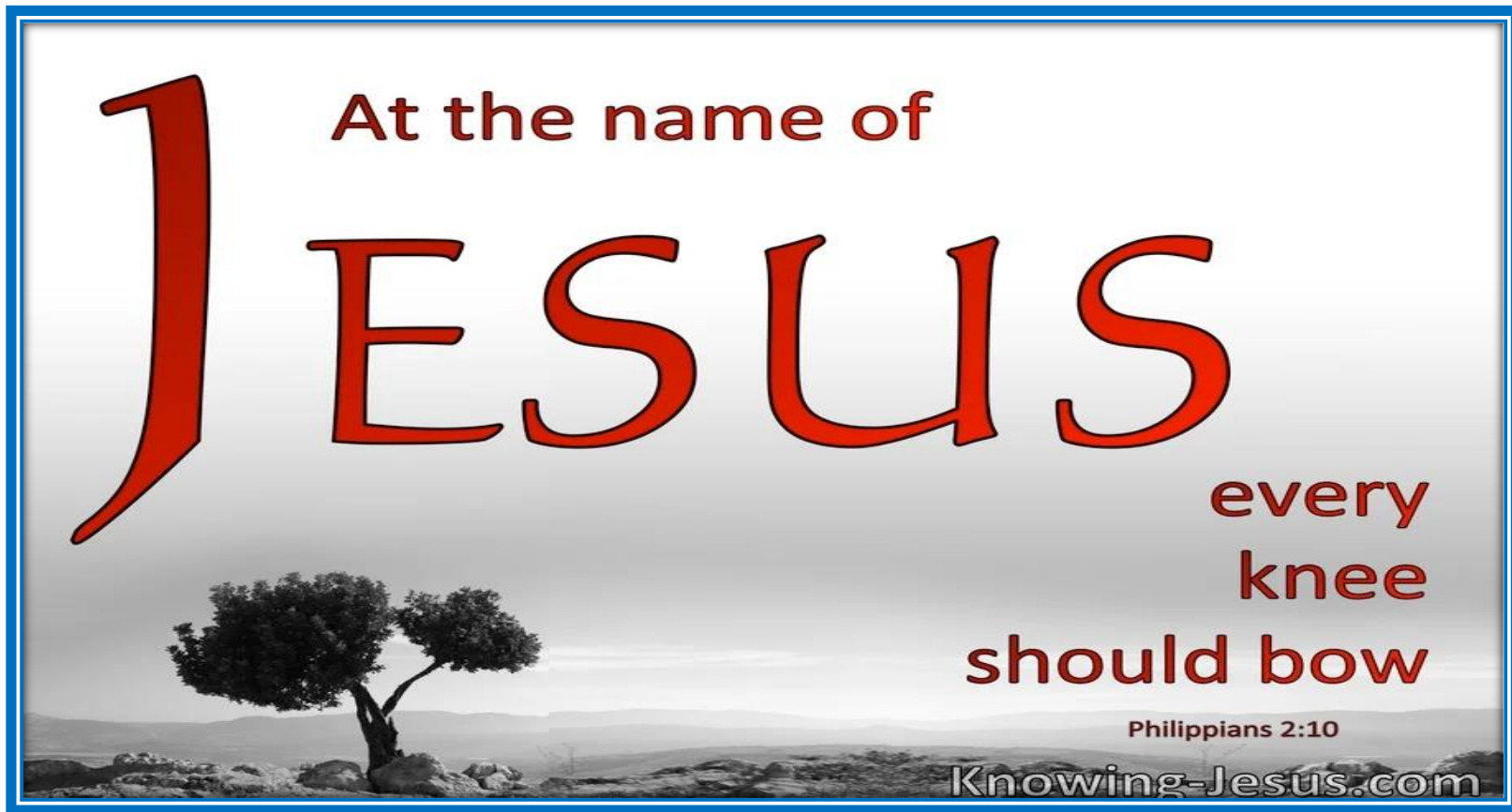
**You have shown your people the  
power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the  
nations.**

***The fear of God is the  
beginning of wisdom***

THE GOSPEL OF

# MARK

BE Amazed, BE Transformed, BE Christ to the World



*At The Name of Jesus  
Book of Common Praise 375*



Verse 1

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis his Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the Mighty Word**

*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Mark.**

*People:* **Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Mark 1:21-28**

**They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

**Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,**

**and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.**

**They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:* **Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Verse 2

**Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom He came  
faithfully He bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.**



THE MINISTRY OF  
**JESUS**

*Homily, Rev. Rob Henderson*





# *Prayers of the People*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – Year B

**As the people gathered to hear Jesus' words, so too have we come together to hear God. Let us offer our prayers to God saying, Lord in your mercy:**

***Hear our prayer.***

**We pray for the Church of Christ. For  
Todd or Bishop and for the ministry  
of the Diocese of Huron. For this  
parish as we move into a new year  
together. Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for the world in which we live and to which we are called. May we prepare to see and experience more than we can ask or imagine. Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for the nations of the world  
and for all world leaders. May the  
policies of governments offer peace  
and dignity to all.  
Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for the sick, the suffering,  
the isolated. We pray for all those on  
our parish prayer list and especially  
hold up today: *Sandy M., Linda R.,  
Steve I., Kathryn H., Kathy G., and  
Bea.***

**Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**O God we commend to you your  
care for all for whom we pray,  
in the confidence that your love for  
them is greater than anything we  
can know.**

**Hear us through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# *Confession and Absolution*

*Celebrant:* **Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love  
and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.**



*Celebrant:* **Most merciful God,**

*People:* **we confess**

**that we have sinned**

**against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved**

**our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant:*     **Almighty God**  
                  **have mercy upon you,**  
**pardon and deliver you**  
**from all your sins,**  
**confirm and strengthen you**  
**in all goodness,**  
**and keep you in eternal life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*People:*           **Amen.**

PEACE  
BE WITH  
YOU



*Celebrant:* **The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

PEACE



*The  
Peace of  
the Earth  
Be With  
You*

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Verse 1

**The peace of the earth be with you  
The peace of the heavens too.  
The peace of the rivers be with you  
The peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you.  
God's peace growing in you.**



**Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.**





# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today  
are given to the *Glory of God* by  
Allison & Jan Gortzak in memory of  
Kaitlyn's Opa, Jan Senior.



*Prayer Over The Gifts*

**God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.**

**We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen.**

Do This  
In Remembrance  
of Me



# Eucharistic Prayer # 1

*Celebrant:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Lift up your hearts.**

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* **Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.**

*People:* **It is right to give our  
thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* **It is indeed right  
that we should  
praise you, gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
wonderfully you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,**

**but opened a path of salvation  
for all people.**

**You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants  
Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing  
to all nations.**

**Through Moses  
you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise  
of salvation.**

**Therefore, with them,  
and with all your saints  
who have served you  
in every age,  
we give thanks  
and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory  
of your name.**

*Hymn 722 Holy Holy Holy (Eucharist)*

**Holy, Holy Holy,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest.**



*Celebrant:*      **Holy God, source of life  
and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.**

**He healed the sick  
and ate and drank  
with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news  
of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your  
gracious will.**

**On the night he freely  
gave himself to death,**

**our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks  
to you,**

**he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
and said,**

**“Take, eat:  
this is my body  
which is given for you.**

**Do this  
for the remembrance of me.”**

**After supper  
he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said,**

**“Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood  
of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of  
me.”**

**Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys  
the power of sin and death;  
  
By raising him to life  
you give us life forever more.**

**Therefore we proclaim  
the mystery of faith:**

*All:* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**




*Celebrant:*      **Recalling his death,  
proclaiming  
his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming  
again in glory,  
we offer you, Father,  
this bread and this cup.**

**Send your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink  
at this table  
may be one body  
and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Through Christ,  
with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours,  
almighty Father,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Amen.**

A rustic wooden cross stands in a field of tall green grass and small blue flowers. The background is softly blurred, creating a peaceful, natural setting. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, joined at the top.

THE  
LORD'S  
PRAYER

*... who art and forgive*

*... de forg*

*... down*  
*... in heaven*

# Lord's Prayer

*(Songs of a Gospel People)*

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

## *The Breaking of The Bread #2*

*Celebrant:*

**We break this bread  
to share in the  
body of Christ.**

*All:*

**We, being many,  
are one body,  
for we all share  
in the one bread.**





**The gifts of God  
for the  
People of God.**  
*People:* **Thanks be to  
God.**



*Lamb of  
God  
(JMT)*



Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant us grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
grant us grant us peace.**





COME  
*Gather*  
AT OUR TABLE

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,  
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please allow personal distance when  
approaching to receive the sacrament.**

**If you do not wish to receive the wafer,  
please cross your arms in front of your  
chest to receive God's blessing.**

**Gluten free wafers are available.**

# *Communion Hymn*



*How Sweet  
The Name of  
Jesus Sounds*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise 620*





Verse 1

**How sweet the Name  
Of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows,  
Heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.**

Verse 2

**It makes the  
Wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.**

Verse 3

**Dear Name, the Rock  
On which I build,  
My Shield and Hiding Place,  
My never failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace!**

Verse 4

**Jesus! my Shepherd,  
Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest and King,  
My Lord, my Life,  
my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.**

Verse 5

**Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee  
As Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

*We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:*

**Source of all goodness in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen.**

# *The Doxology*

*Celebrant:* **Glory to God,**

*People:* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from  
generation to generation,  
in the Church and in  
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

A dramatic sky scene featuring a bright sunburst breaking through dark, heavy clouds. The sun's rays are visible, creating a strong contrast with the dark blue and grey tones of the surrounding clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and divine light. The text "THE BLESSING" is overlaid in a bold, red, serif font, centered in the image.

**THE  
BLESSING**



A scenic landscape featuring a rocky stream flowing through a valley with green hills and a clear blue sky. The stream is the central focus, with water cascading over dark, wet rocks. The surrounding hills are covered in vibrant green grass, and the sky is a deep, clear blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

*Here In This Place*  
*Book of Common Praise*

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Verse 1

**Here in this place,  
new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See, in this space,  
Our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you  
In the light of this day.**

Refrain

**Gather us in,  
the lost and forsaken,**

**Gather us in,  
the blind and the lame.**

**Call to us now,  
and we shall awaken,**

**We shall arise at the sound of our  
name.**

Verse 2

**We are the young,  
Our lives are a mystery,  
We are the old,  
Who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung  
Throughout all of history,  
Called to be light  
To the whole human race.**

Refrain

**Gather us in,  
The rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in,  
The proud and the strong.  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage  
To enter the song.**

Verse 3

**Here we will take  
The wine and the water,  
Here we will take  
The bread of new birth.**

**Here you shall call  
Your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

Refrain

**Give us to drink  
The wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well,  
And teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy  
And hearts that are true.**

Verse 4

**Not in the dark of buildings  
confining,  
Not in some heaven,  
light years away,  
But here in this place,  
The new light is shining;  
Now is the Kingdom,  
now is the day.**



Refrain

**Gather us in,  
and hold us forever,**

**Gather us in,  
and make us your own.**

**Gather us in,  
all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**





*God Bless You*

Have a great week!

***The Dismissal***



# *Deep In Our Hearts*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

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*Verse 1*

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common vision.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common song.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common story,  
Telling Creation that we are one.**

Verse 2

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common purpose.  
Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common goal.  
Deep in our hearts,  
There is a sacred message,  
Justice and peace, in harmony.**

Verse 3

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common longing.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common theme.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common current,  
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

Verse 4

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common vision.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common song.**

**Deep in our hearts,  
There is a common story,  
Telling Creation that we are one.**

Tag - **Telling Creation that we are one.**

Deep In Our Hearts-4/4 end





GOD BLESS

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

***Thank you for worshipping with us!***