



## 10am Third Sunday Service

### Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God.

**May he fill you with truth and joy.**

*Let us rejoice in God's reign over the nations, joining with the ancient praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 22:*

I will praise you in the great assembly.

**I will fulfil my vows in the presence of those who worship you.**

The poor will be satisfied.

**All who seek the LORD will praise him.**

Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

**The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.**

All the families of the nations will bow down before him.

**For royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations.**

(Psalm 22: 25-28)

### Prayer of Approach

Heavenly Father,

thank You that You so loved the world that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save it, to save us, to save me.

May His mission become my all-consuming motivation,

may His Compassion move me beyond myself,

and may His Great Commission be reignited in my soul today.

**Amen.**

**Song** **Across the Lands**

You're the word of God the Father  
From before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

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## **Words of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*A moment of silence to reflect on the past week, the things we have done or not done, and the ways in which we have offended God and hurt those around us...*

Jesus said, *'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'* As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.  
(Matthew 5:24)

**In your mercy,**

**Bring new life where we are worn and tired**

**Bring new love where we are hard hearted**

**Bring forgiveness where we have wounded and we feel hurt**

**Bring the joy and freedom of your Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the opportunity to begin again.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in us a willing spirit.

**Amen.**

**Collect**

**Bible Reading**      *Genesis 18: 1-15*

**Song**            **358 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord is moving in this place**

**Exploration of the theme: Genesis 18: 1-15 – Welcoming Strangers**

**Talk – from the lectern, please stay seated.**

**Outside the North Chapel under Roger de Trumpington:** Cut out biscuits with the camel cutter. This reminds us that Abraham's response to the travellers was generous, providing them with refreshment for the next part of their journey. In return, the strangers blessed Abraham and Sarah with a gift they had wanted all their lives. When you cut out the biscuits, think about who you can take God's blessing to this week. Who can you show generosity to?

### **North Chapel - Refreshments**

Take a cup of tea or coffee to someone in church, or offer to serve them a drink/ biscuit in an act of hospitality.

### **Prayerful reflection in the Chancel**

#### **South Chapel**

Come and hear a retelling of the story of Abraham and Sarah greeting the strangers, but first, we need to make a tent/den. Collect a kneeler and use the chairs to make a place to hear the story.

Decorate a tea towel with the pens provided, drawing any favourite foods you might like to offer a guest. Write the first names of people you would like to invite to your house, or spend more time with. Is there a person you feel you should reach out to and show friendship?

*After about 20 minutes we come back together to share what we have learned and made.*

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

We offer one another a sign of peace and afterwards sing [845, The peace of the earth be with you](#)

Prayer for ourselves and others, concluding with...

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen**

### **Affirmation of faith**

We stand and say together:

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of  
God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Birthdays! If you have recently had a birthday, let us know so that we can celebrate together.

**Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
God bless you and keep you,  
another year through.**

**May the light of Christ shine out in your life, wherever you may be,  
all through the coming year. Amen**

## Song 546 – O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

### Closing Worship

From where we are to where you need us

**Jesus, lead on**

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal

**Jesus, lead on**

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God

**Jesus, lead on**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

***Thank you for joining us today.***

*If you have used the fabric pens, please note that you need to iron the designs using a cotton pillowcase/ tea-towel/cloth over the top of your artwork. The design will then set. Be careful if you wash the tea-towel you have drawn on. Wash by hand in lukewarm water.*