

Welcome and Prayer of Preparation
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom 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.

Song: Hear our Praises

Verse 1

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

Chorus

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

Verse 2

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas

(Bridge)

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

(Ending)

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You

Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:20

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still

angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ⁵ ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: no immoral, impure or greedy person – such a person is an idolater – has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every

opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Why Church #5 – Jeremy Watson

Introduction to Confession

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Psalm 32:1

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have
done.**

**We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness:

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE - All stand.

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Song: O breath of life – TIS 409

Verse 1

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

Verse 2

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

Verse 3

O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Verse 4

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

The Great Thanksgiving #5 – with question

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross
Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.
He frees us from hate and fear,
from all that destroys love and trust.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them in this meal,
as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

Child: What does this meal mean?

This is the Lord's Supper, a meal celebrated by
Jesus' people.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread
and gave thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends,
saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

He then took the cup and gave thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.'

We share this meal to remember Jesus,
the Saviour of the world.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

God has gathered us together
to feed on Christ.

Father, fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Come and receive the bread and wine or grape
juice, trusting in Jesus who died for our sins.

*[The sharing of the Lord's Supper. The Band and
Communion Assistants come first.]*

Song: The Servant King

Graham Kendrick 1983 Thankyou Music

Verse 1

From heaven You came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

Verse 2

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn

Yet not my will but Yours He said

Verse 3

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered

Verse 4

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Prayer after Communion – Father of All

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Prayers of Intercession

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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling- TIS 217

Charles Wesley

Verse 1

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Verse 2

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Verse 3

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

Sending out of God's People

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our
Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us
eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you in
every good word and deed. **Amen.**
(2 Thessalonians 3:16-17).

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.