

3rd January, 2021 9:00am Traditional Worship

Phone: (03) 7018 2005 Meeting ID: 616 254 006 Password: 3199

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Please have with you a small portion of bread and a small drink of grape juice, wine, or something similar, whatever you can manage, if you would like to share in Holy Communion.

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Country

Call to worship

We sing: Morning has broken (TIS 156)

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing
fresh from the word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play.

Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day.

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like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
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Praise for the singing,
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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;**

he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴ He grants peace¹ within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵ **He sends out his command to the earth;**

his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?**

¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters
flow.

¹⁹ **He declares his word to Jacob,**
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other
nation;

they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the LORD!

Bible Reading: John 1:1-18

Sermon

We sing: Christ is the world's light (TIS 246)

1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other

Christ is the world's light, he and none other;

born in our darkness, he became our brother.

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:

Glory to God on high.

2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;

no one can serve him and despise his brother.

Who else unites us, one in God the Father?

Glory to God on high.

3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;

sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother

he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:

Glory to God on high.

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;

give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;

give God the glory, God in man my brother:

Glory to God on high.

Notices and sharing

Prayers of the People with response:

**O come, Christ the Saviour
from below, from above,
and infect the depths of earth
with heavenly love.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

... all creation praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

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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 forever. Amen.

Receiving Communion while the Anthem "Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour (TIS 258)" is played

Prayer after Communion

We sing: Unto us a boy is born! (TIS 293)

1. Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he us all surpasses.

3. Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury.

4. Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.

5. Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
now rends the air asunder.

Responsive Sending Forth

Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the body for knowing the world.

Good is the body, from cradle to grave.

Good is the pleasure of God in our flesh.

Go, then, to live by this good-ness;

seeing and honouring it in all humanity.

And may God enable us for such living,

the face of Christ be seen in our neighbours,

and the Spirit lead us into the celebration of a new community.

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

OPTIONAL groups for morning tea conversation