

### **3 May 9:00am Worship**

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

***This morning's service will include an invitation to share in Holy Communion.***

***If you would like to do so, please have a small piece of bread and/or a small drink (preferably wine or grape juice) with you.***

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

WE SING: **Praise my Soul the King of Heaven** (TiS 134, vv. 1,2,3,5) (John Goss)

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
widely as his mercy flows!

5. Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER

BIBLE READING:      **Acts 17: 1-9**      **(Juli Lincoln )**  
                                 **1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10**  
                                 For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

WE SING: **To God be the glory** (TiS 147) (Francis Jane van Alstyne)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life in atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God!  
And every offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

## NOTICES

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

WE SING: **Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us** (TiS 526, vv. 1,2,4)

1. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
    Mary's son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
    living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
    Son of God.

You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
    living Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
    Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
    living Lord.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

ANTHEM: **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** (J.S. Bach, performed by the Edinburgh Singers)

## PRAYER

## BLESSING

WE SING: **For you, deep stillness** (R. Mann, J. Perrin)

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;  
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;  
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;  
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.  
From the edges seek the heartlands,  
and when you're burnt by the journey,  
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit  
soothe and replenish you.  
In the name of Christ  
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OPTIONAL: Small group "morning tea" conversations