

# MORNING WORSHIP

## 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### 1. How I love the voice of Jesus

On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
– Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

2. Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me Full, the  
pardon he has offered  
Great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
– Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

3. Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, he rose that we would be free  
indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness  
– Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen!  
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory  
– To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that Cross

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### BAPTISM OF GEORGE HENRY CHARLES GREENAWAY

*During the baptism the congregation will be asked to join in with the following responses:*

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome George and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The minister says*

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

## SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each child, saying*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

***Our God is a great big God,***  
*Our God is a great big God,*  
*Our God is a great big God,*  
*And He holds us in His hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
And He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams.  
And He's known me and He's loved me  
Since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part of  
God's amazing plan.

*Jo Hemming and Nigel Hemming*

### *Psalm 145*

I praise your greatness, my God the King.  
I will praise you forever and ever.  
**The Lord is great. He is worthy of our praise.**  
**No one can understand how great he is.**

Parents will tell their children what you have done.  
They will retell your mighty acts,  
wonderful majesty and glory.  
**They will tell about the awesome things you do.**  
**They will remember your great goodness.**

The Lord is kind and shows mercy.  
**The Lord is good to everyone.**  
**He is merciful to all he has made.**

Lord, everything you have made will praise you.  
Those who belong to you will bless you.  
They will tell about the glory of your kingdom.  
They will speak about your power.

**Then everyone will know what powerful things you do.**  
**They will know about the glory and majesty of your kingdom.**  
**Your kingdom will continue forever.**

The Lord will keep his promises.  
With love he takes care of all he has made.  
**The Lord helps those who have been defeated.**  
**He takes care of those who are in trouble.**

Everything the Lord does is right.  
With love he takes care of all he has made.  
**The Lord is close to everyone who prays to him,  
to all who truly pray to him.**

I will praise the Lord.  
**Let everyone praise his holy name forever.**

#### **CONFESSION**

**God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You give your faithful people new life in the water  
of baptism.  
You do not turn your face from us,  
nor cast us aside.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbour.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to heavenly joy,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **COLLECT**

**Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen**

**1. In the darkness we were waiting,**  
Without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running.  
There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets,  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father,  
Praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of Glory,  
Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

**2. To reveal the kingdom coming**  
And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering,  
You saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation,  
Jesus, for our sake You died.

**3. And the morning that You rose**  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good,  
For the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs,  
And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored.

**4. And the Church of Christ was born,**  
Then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name,  
In His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me.

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**READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-18 (PAGE 1155 IN THE PEW BIBLE)**

**SERMON: REVD SIMON EVES**

**1. What gift of grace, is Jesus, my redeemer.**

There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing:  
all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**2.** The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**3.** No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**4.** With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.

And day by day I know he will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## **PRAYERS**

### **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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**1. Thine be the glory,**  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes  
Where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won!*

**2. Lo, Jesus meets us,**  
Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly He greets us,  
Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth,  
Death hath lost its sting.

**3. No more we doubt Thee,**  
Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without Thee:  
Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors,  
Through Thy deathless love;  
Lead us in Thy triumph  
To Thy home above.

*Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. R. Birch Hoyle.*

## **FINAL PRAYER**

God has delivered us from the kingdom of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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