

# Order of Service for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Call to worship

Into the mix of humanity,  
with friends and neighbours, visitors and strangers,  
together we join to worship you, O Lord our God.

Amen.

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## Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfu1dqKCGd8>

## Psalm 145

### A psalm of praise. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.<sup>(a)</sup>
- <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.
- <sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,
- <sup>12</sup> so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.<sup>(a)</sup>

- <sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

- <sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.
- <sup>20</sup> The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

### **Prayers**

Lord God, our Creator, Provider and Sustainer, we thank you for all your gifts and for the people who grow and supply to our shops, the food which we buy for our needs. We have learnt this year to be truly thankful for the rich variety of the provisions we enjoy, especially as some items became scarce. We have learnt that high wages do not equal importance of roles as we have relied on delivery drivers for our produce and cleaners to make the stores as safe as they can for us to shop. We have learnt that so many things are not ours by right but by your generous provision. Forgive us that it has taken something so colossal to come to these realisations. Help us to give thanks for those who are continuing to make life easier for us. Help us to remember to continue to acknowledge this vast quantity of people in the months ahead. Thank you that you are a God who forgives those who are truly sorry. Help us not only to hear but respond to your words of grace, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **The Lord's prayer.**

### **Reading**

Matthew 20: 1-16

Audio: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xz5lqgk69vr93nj/matthew%2020%201-16.mp3?dl=0>

Reading for reference:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2020%3A1-16&version=NIV>

### **Sermon**

Rev Dawn Carn reflects on our Bible passage

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9x1s1uuaaq7vgok/Dawn%2027th%20Sept.mov?dl=0>

### **Hymn**

God forgave my sin

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/r1zvybojdzujsza/god%20forgave%20my%20sin.mp3?dl=0>

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray:

For the world - those dealing not only with the pandemic but with fires, floods, storms and wide-spread disruption.

For the earth - for its continued recovery from the abuse we have historically shown it through pollution, over-mining, over-fishing, cutting down whole forests and travel.

For our community - for those who will need more support in the future with basic necessities - food, rent, or shelter.

For the Church - that it will find a way to continue to tell the gospel story of hope, peace and love.

For ourselves - what do we need to bring before God today?

For those who have gone before us - especially those who have shone the light of Christ for us.

Amen.

### **Hymn**

More like you Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogPeS2KfROI>

### **Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, with those that we love and those we are called to love, now and for evermore. Amen

### **Offering**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8NzE5wNqus>