

Morning Worship for 29th October 2023; Last Sunday after Trinity

Greeting and Welcome

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

Song: Praise is rising

Flames Sunday School: We pray for the children and leaders who go to FLAMES

Gathering Prayer and Confession

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Recognising the Lord's presence and power with us now, and knowing our own shortcomings, we turn to him and seek healing and forgiveness:

Gracious God, where bridges have been broken and relationships damaged,
forgive us and bring reconciliation;

where love has been compromised and hearts broken,
forgive us and bring healing;

where silence has allowed oppression to flourish,
forgive us and bring justice;

where we have turned away from you and been poor witnesses,
forgive us and bring understanding.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Recollection of forgiveness

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", who has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We remember that we are the forgiven people of God; that this is God's overflowing grace and love for us.

We thank you, Lord, that you forgive us and free us from our sins. Enable us to accept your love, and to live our lives in your light, as your people.

In Jesus' name; Amen.

Song: Wonderful Grace

Psalm of Praise: Psalm 1

CHAPEL: Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

MUSIC: Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

CHAPEL: Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

MUSIC: As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

CHAPEL: Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

MUSIC: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Song: Holy Spirit move within me

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-end

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Talk

Song: I believe in Jesus

Prayers *concluding with 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, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

News from Flames and Notices

Closing Hymn: Here in the presence of Christ I stand

Closing Prayer

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord; Thanks be to God.