

***Song before service starts***

What gift of grace is Jesus our redeemer

***OBS - Countdown & Notices (1.15)***

***Words of Welcome***

***\*Introduction***

In the Bible reading today, Paul the apostle encourages us to / "give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." / So let us begin our worship today with thanksgiving based on words from one of today's readings - Psalm 111. /

***Call to Worship***

Praise the Lord! / I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation of God's people. /

**How amazing are the works of our God. They are treasured by all who love and serve him. /**

Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. /

**Who can forget the wonders he performs?**

**How gracious and merciful is our God. /**

All he does is just and good, and his commandments are trustworthy. / They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. /

**He has paid a full ransom for his people, guaranteeing his covenant with them forever.**

**What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has. /**

Reverence for the Lord is where true wisdom begins, and the rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him. /

**Praise God's name forever. //**

***\*Worship in Song***

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;

Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

***\*Confession***

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. / Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation. /

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out Christ, the light of the world: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. /**

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share Christ, the bread of life: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy. /**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept to ourselves Christ, the good shepherd: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. /**

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness***

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour / forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. //**

### ***\*Special Prayer for Today***

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:/ mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments,/ may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;/ through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.//**

### ***\*Bible Reading***

Ephesians 5:15-20 (Church Bible p978)  
(Reader: Ron Jacks)

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God. //**

### ***\*Worship in Song***

(New song - Harry to teach it)

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

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

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

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

### ***Sermon - Damian***

#### ***\*An Affirmation of Faith***

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us / with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him: /

**We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, / not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful. /**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, / and set us apart for himself a people eager to do good. /**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our saviour / so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.//**

#### ***\*Prayers (led by Margaret Ralph)***

**At the end:** Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.//**

#### ***\*The Peace***

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. / We meet in his name and share his peace. /

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.//**

#### ***\*Worship in Song***

There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.

Thank you, O my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
In that holy place.

### ***\*Offertory Prayer***

Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, / trusting in your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. / Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, / your kingdom might come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen. //**

### ***\*The Eucharistic Prayer H***

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 thanks and praise. /**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. / When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. /  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you. /**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. /  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and  
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin. /**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; /

he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body / which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. /  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life. /**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; / this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. /  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all. /**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit / that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. /  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us  
one in Christ, our risen Lord. /**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise / and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: /  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest. /**

### ***\*The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name; thy kingdom come; / thy will be done; on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. / And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against us. / And  
lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from  
evil. / For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. //**

### ***\*Breaking of the Bread***

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, /  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. /**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ / which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. / Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. //

*We receive communion*

**\*Worship in Song**

What gift of grace (*repeated from earlier*)

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,/  
that when we were still far off you met us in  
your Son and brought us home./ Dying and  
living, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory./ May we who  
share Christ's body live his risen life; we who  
drink his cup bring life to others;/ we whom  
the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us  
firm in the hope you have set before us,/ so  
we and all your children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.//**

**\*Worship in Song**

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now  
And shall be evermore

**\*Blessing**

As you go from here, may God the Father and  
Christ Jesus our Lord / give you grace, mercy,  
and peace. Do not let your faith or your  
witness grow cold. / Remember to fan the  
flame of God's gift of faith in you to keep it  
ablaze. / So remember what you have been  
taught and what the Lord has done in your  
life. / Live in such a way that all who know  
you may see the light of God reflected in  
you. /

And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus  
Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit / be  
with you and among you now and in the days  
ahead. **Amen. /**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.//**

**Music after the service**

My heart is filled with thankfulness