



WE ARE A GLOBAL FAMILY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together, the people of God, drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word, to praise the holy name of the Lord, to share his glorious news of grace, to pray for our needs and the pain of the world, to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

We are heirs of the Father; **joint heirs with the son,**
renewed in the Spirit, **together we are one.**

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SONG OF HABAKKUK

Though the mango tree does not blossom,
nor the fruit be on the vines,
the crop of the coconut fails,
and the fields yield no food,
Though the flock be cut off from the fold,
and there be no herd in the stall,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, in repentance and trust, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins. So let us confess them to our Father.

Eternal Father, God of our ancestors, before your power all things tremble but through your son, we approach your throne. We have done wrong and neglected to do right; our sins weigh heavily on our hearts: Lord have mercy, count them not against us. Grant us the joy of forgiveness and lighten our hearts with the glory of Christ, who died and rose again for us.

Amen.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ rejoices at repentance and declares his acceptance. The dead are alive, the lost are found. His goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life, and you will live in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen.**

Glory to the Father in whom all things began,
Glory to the Son who became the Son of Man,
Glory to the Spirit who inspires and renews.
The Lord our God for ever! Alleluia!

BIBLE READING

Genesis 22:9-19

SERMON

We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus the Seed of Abraham blesses the nations:
Jesus the Prophet like Moses frees the oppressed:
Jesus the Lord of King David leads his people:
Jesus the Servant of the Lord suffers and saves:
Jesus the Son of Man destroyed and raised.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.** Let us pray.

As our saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:
**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 for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide our rulers;
and give them your wisdom and justice.

May your ministers serve you faithfully;
and your royal people joyfully.

In the valley of the shadow of death;
Protect us with your rod and staff.

Like trees planted by the waterside;
Grant us the fruit of your Spirit.

Merciful Father,
We thank you for sending your Son,
our Lord Jesus to die that we may live.
Grant that we shall wake up from our slumber,
denounce all the works of darkness and embrace
Him who is our light and our life, to the end
that when our lives here are over, we shall eternally
reign with him, days without end. **Amen**

We take a moment of silence to remember our loved ones and those in need at this time.

*Your silence is full, irresistible; your presence is joy unspeakable.
People drifting into mind we lift to you and pray they find
health in sickness, life in deadness,
strength in weakness, light in darkness.
Their loss you bear, mysteriously; your peace you share, eternally.*

Almighty God,
by your grace we have come together at this time to bring our united prayers to you; and you have promised by your Son Jesus Christ, that where two or three are gathered in his name he will be in the midst of them.

SONG OF REVELATION

Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns:

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.

Worthy is the Lord our God:

for he created everything.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain:

for by his blood he ransomed us for God from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty:

just and true are your ways, O king of ages!

Who shall not fear and praise your name O Lord?

For you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just deeds have been revealed.

To him who sits on the throne and to the lamb

be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and for evermore. Amen.

Genesis 22:9-19

(NIV)

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,^[c] because you have obeyed me.”

¹⁹Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

Next week – **Romans 12:9-21**

