



## RESTORATION WORKS GIFT DAY

SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you.**

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

O Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord. **All praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of night. As we look for your coming among us this day, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

HYMN 288

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:

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**3** No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

## PENITENCE

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

*1 Corinthians 4: 5*

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,  
we confess that we have sinned against you;  
we have broken your commandments;  
we have often been selfish,  
and we have not loved you as we should.  
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray: through our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

*c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.** *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

**1** When my love for Christ grows weak,  
when for deeper faith I seek,  
then in thought I go to thee,  
Garden of Gethsemane.

**2** There I walk amid the shades,  
while the lingering twilight fades,  
see that suffering, friendless one,  
weeping, praying there alone.

**3** When my love for man grows weak,  
when for stronger faith I seek,  
Hill of Calvary, I go—  
to thy scenes of fear and woe:—

**4** there behold his agony,  
suffered on the bitter tree:  
see his anguish, see his faith,  
Love triumphant still in death.

**5** Then to life I turn again,  
learning all the worth of pain,  
learning all the might that lies—  
in a full self-sacrifice;

**6** and I praise with firmer faith  
Christ, who vanquished pain and death;  
and to Christ enthroned above  
raise my song of selfless love.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

#### PRAYERS

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we 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.**

HYMN 479

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**1** O when I was a seeker,  
I sought both night and day  
I asked the Lord to guide me,  
and he showed me the way.

**2** Then he made me a watchman  
upon a city wall,  
to tell of his salvation,  
that Jesus died for all.

**3** Go tell it to your neighbour  
in darkness here below;  
go with the words of Jesus,  
that all the world may know.

## A THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,  
let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,  
let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life,  
let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world,  
let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us,  
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,  
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL


Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.  
May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth;  
may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what  
is good and may our lives as well as our worship  
be always pleasing in your sight,  
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,  
gladden your hearts and scatter the darkness from before you:  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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# Advent with Joseph

27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>An Every Man</i>	John 7:10-14 Matthew 13:53-58
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>A Noble Man</i>	Matthew 1:1-17
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>A Faithful Man</i>	Matthew 1:18-25
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>A Journey Man</i>	Luke 2:1-9

## **John 1:43-46**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.’

<sup>46</sup> ‘Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?’ Nathanael asked.

‘Come and see,’ said Philip.

## **Matthew 13:53-58**

<sup>53</sup> When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. <sup>54</sup> Coming to his home town, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?’ they asked. <sup>55</sup> ‘Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup> Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?’ <sup>57</sup> And they took offence at him.

But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home.’

<sup>58</sup> And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

