



## Jesus Promises Joy, Prayer and Victory

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33)

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### Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
forever and ever. Amen!**

*(Rev 5:12-13)*

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,  
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,  
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.**

**It is our greatest pleasure,  
our highest privilege, our chief delight,  
to meet with you, the one true and living God,  
and experience your grace and favour.**

**Grant us power by your Holy Spirit  
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.**

**Amen.**

*(Valley of Vision)*

## Psalm 65

Praise awaits you God in Zion  
Soon all flesh to you will come  
Though our sins prevail against us  
You atone for every one  
Blessed are those you choose and  
welcome  
Dwelling in your courts of grace  
We are filled with every blessing  
Satisfied in you always

Holy God and mighty saviour  
Hope of all the farthest seas  
When we pray you hear and answer  
You make known your wondrous deeds  
By your strength you formed the

mountains  
Stilled the roaring of the waves  
Earth rejoices at your goodness  
Dawn and evening sing your praise

From your river ever-flowing  
You give life to all the land  
Autumn rains and grain at harvest  
You provide for every man  
All the year is crowned with bounty  
Deserts bloom and hills bear fruit  
Hills and valleys, all creation  
Lift their hymn of praise to you

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## Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,  
and against our neighbour,  
first in silence and then aloud together.

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!  
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.  
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.  
Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51)**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Ps 32:3-5)*

## Psalm 63 (My soul finds rest in God alone)

My soul finds rest in God alone,  
My Rock and my salvation;  
A fortress strong against my foes,  
And I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may  
curse,  
And lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.

*O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My Delight and my reward;  
Everlasting, never failing,  
My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations;  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go,  
Don't set your heart upon them;  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven. *Refrain*

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in Him completely;  
With every day pour out my soul  
And He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
A sigh too brief to measure,

My King has crushed the curse of  
death

And I am His forever. *Refrain*

## God Speaks to us through His Word

*First Reading: Isaiah 26:12-19*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: John 16:16-33*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: Jesus Promises Joy, Prayer and Victory  
(Mark Payne)*

## Response to God's Word

*Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)*

Believer, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,  
am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;  
and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.  
Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

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## *Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

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# Benediction and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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We look forward to welcoming you to our service next Sunday morning at 10 a.m. UK time.

Best wishes,

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