

Opening Verse

Daniel 7v13-14

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Hymn

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, For by His power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it; sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding, yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror, from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.



The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. (Isaiah 61:1)

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of our forgiveness

Daniel 6v26-27

²⁶ "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures for ever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. ²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

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.**

Song

We are the Church <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPEonEoZL5A>

Words of belief

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *means universal

Bible Reading

Acts 2v42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had

need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Sermon – Acts 2v42-47

- Covid-19 is encouraging us, and sometimes forcing us to press the RESET button.
- Do we need to reset church? In these verses, on “on” button has just been pressed by God’s Holy Spirit.
- They Devoted themselves... to the Apostles’ teaching... and to the Fellowship... to the Breaking of Bread... and to Prayer.

Prayers

This morning’s prayer from The Barnabas Fund...

We pray, O Lord Jesus, for Christians in Tajikistan, facing increasingly restrictive laws. We ask that the authorities will relent from their harassment of your followers, and we pray especially for Christian children, who have been banned by law for the last nine years from attending any public religious activities, or even being on church premises. We rejoice that no earthly law can stop your Holy Spirit from moving where he pleases and ask that he will help these growing youngsters to grow in their faith to. Amen.

A prayer after the recent protests and demonstrations

Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarians, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. *Colossians 3v11*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the unity that we have in Christ that crosses all boundaries, but please make it more so. We pray for divisions to be broken down through the good news of Jesus Christ, the hope for us all. Please give Politicians and Community leaders wisdom and good-sense and where lasting change is needed, please bring it, whether in institutions, society or our own hearts.

Covid-19

Heavenly Father, our ever-present help in trouble, our fortress and our God: calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you; give strength and healing to those who are sick, and courage and skill to those who care for them; grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority; and humble us all to call upon you that we may be saved not only in this life, but also for that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our human nature we cannot do anything good without you, grant us the help of your grace so that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. 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, & the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3. The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

4. Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Blessing

May you know this love of Christ that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3v19