



Online Service Sunday 27 September



GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise

Galatians 1v3-5

³ *Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS

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

Galatians 3v13

¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Thanks and Praise

Psalms 145v1-8

¹ *I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

² *Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.*

³ *Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no-one can fathom.*

⁴ *One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

⁵ *They will speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

⁶ *They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

⁷ *They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

⁸ *The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Acts 11v1-18

¹ *The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."*

⁴ *Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'*

⁸ *"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'*

⁹ *"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was pulled up to heaven again.*

¹¹ *"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'*

¹⁵ *"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"*

¹⁸ *When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."*

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

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

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.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son...

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught 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...

Blessing

Acts 20v32

³² *"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

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