



Online Service Sunday 4 October



GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise *(please stand)*

Psalm 104v1, 13-15

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate-- bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS

Introduction and Confession *(sit)*

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy **forgive us and help us.**

Grant us thankful hearts and a loving concern for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 104v30-31

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

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.

Words of Thanks and Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Genesis 8v6-22

⁶ After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark ⁷ and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹ But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹² He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

¹³ By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴ By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you--the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground--so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds--everything that moves on the earth--came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the

ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

²² "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

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

Sermon – *Genesis 8v6-22*

Prayers of intercession and Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord God almighty, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life; for health and strength, for the beauty of the world, for the kindness and love of family and friends, for opportunities of service, and for the harvest of land and sea. Accept our praise for these your gifts, and make us ever mindful of our dependence on you; for your Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us his children, he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts...

3. We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts;
and that which you most welcome, our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts...

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.**