



# Online Service

## Sunday 25 October



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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### Responses and Prayer of Praise

*Jude 1-2*

*To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.*

### 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 Forgiveness

*Jude 20-21*

*But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*

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

*Psalms 25v1-7*

***To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; <sup>2</sup> in you I trust, O my God.***

***Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

***<sup>3</sup> No-one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.***

***<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;***

***<sup>5</sup> guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.***

***<sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.***

***<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.***

## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

### Bible Reading

Jonah 1

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.

<sup>6</sup> The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish."

<sup>7</sup> Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

<sup>8</sup> So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

<sup>9</sup> He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land." <sup>10</sup> This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.)

<sup>11</sup> The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

<sup>12</sup> "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

<sup>13</sup> Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. <sup>14</sup> Then they cried to the LORD, "O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased." <sup>15</sup> Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. <sup>16</sup> At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. <sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

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

## **Sermon – Jonah 1**

### **Prayers of intercession and 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, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

#### **Hymn**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,** tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

#### **Blessing**

*Romans 15v5-6*

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

