

Morning Worship 18th October

Welcome, Notices and Call to worship

♪ **Psalm 61:1-5** (*Sing Psalms*) Tune: Salzburg

- 1 O hear my urgent cry, my God,
and listen to my plea.
- 2 From earth's remotest bounds I call
when my heart faints in me.

O God, conduct me to the rock
that's higher far than I.
- 3 For you're my refuge from the foe,
my tower of strength on high.
- 4 O let me dwell within your tent,
for ever there to live!
O for the shelter of your wings,
the refuge which they give!
- 5 For you have heard my vows, O God,
and you have given me
The heritage of those who fear
your name continually.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (including The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who is in heaven. Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried;
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

* Universal

Interview with Caitriana Nicholson

Offering

♪ Turn your eyes upon Jesus

1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

2. Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

3. Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes

4. Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes x 2

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

¹ Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes with much busyness, and a fool's voice with many words.

⁴ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶ Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a labourer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Matthew 27:57-66

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead’, and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession

♪ **Psalm 119:57-64** (Sing Psalms) Tune: Bowersburn

57 You, O LORD, are everything I’ve longed for;
I have promised to obey your word.

58 With my whole heart I have sought your favour;
as you promised, grant me grace, O LORD.

59 I have thought about my life and conduct,
and have turned my steps towards your way.

60 I will hasten and, without delaying,
your commands and statutes I’ll obey.

61 Though the wicked with their cords ensnare me,
I will not forget instruction’s voice.

62 I will rise to give you thanks at midnight,
for your righteous laws make me rejoice.

63 Those who fear you are my friends for ever,
all who follow in your precepts’ way.

64 Earth is filled with your great loving-kindness;
teach me your decrees, O LORD, I pray.

Sermon
The Burial of Jesus – The Glorious Gospel!

♪ **Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)**

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone . . .

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.