

# *Family Worship 23rd January 2022*

## **Welcome and notices**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Dear Lord we thank you for our daily bread.

We thank you for flour:

made from grain, grown in the rich earth, ripened in the warmth of the sun;  
and ground by the miller

**We thank you, Lord, for flour.**

We thank you, Lord, for salt which adds flavour to our food and reminds us that  
Jesus told us to be salt the of the earth,

**We thank you, Lord, for salt.**

We thank you, Lord, for yeast:

the small yet living organism that enables bread to rise,  
and reminds us that even small works done in Jesus' name can enable the kingdom  
to grow.

**We thank you, Lord, for yeast.**

We thank you, Lord, for water,

the final ingredient in the bread we eat each day, and without which none of us could  
live.

**We thank you, Lord, for water.**

We thank you, Lord, for bread, our basic food;

bread for toast, for our favourite sandwiches,

for bread and jam, for bread and butter pudding

and the bread that is broken and shared in communion with one others,

in remembrance of that night when Jesus sat with his friends at supper,

and broke the bread and gave it to them,

saying, "This is my body broken for you."

**We thank you, Lord, for bread.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place**

***Sunday Club theme: "Hallowed be. . ."***

***Prayer for the church family***

Bless us your family, dear Lord. Grant that what we say and sing in Sunday Club and church, we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts will shine out from our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A prayer for balance in our lives***

**Unclutter our lives, Lord  
we have too much, consume too much,  
expect too much.**

**Grant us perspective;  
to see this world through other eyes  
than just our own.**

**Grant us compassion;  
where there is need, help us to play our part,  
not turn aside and ignore the desperate.**

**Grant us gratitude  
for what we have, our daily bread  
the gift of life.**

**Unclutter our lives, Lord,  
give us space, simplicity  
and thankful hearts.  
Amen.**

***Hymn: Indescribable***

**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing your majesty  
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming**

**Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable**

**Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim**

**You are amazing God**

**Indescribable, uncontainable**

**You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name**

**You are amazing God**

**All powerful, untameable**

**Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim**

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**Indescribable, uncontainable**

**You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name**

**You are amazing God**

**Incomparable, unchangeable**

**You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same**

**You are amazing God**

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**Bible reading: Exodus 16: 13-21    Sue Street**

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'"

The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning."

However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

**Sermon: "Give us today our daily bread"**

**Rev Sam Dennis**

Hymn      *Beauty for brokenness*

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor*  
*Friend of the weak*  
*Give us compassion we pray*  
*Melt our cold hearts*  
*Let tears fall like rain*  
*Come, change our love*  
*From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

*God of the poor. . .*

**Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise  
*God of the poor. . .***

*Affirmation of faith*

**We believe in a generous God  
who clothes the wild flowers so that they outdo Solomon in all his glory and  
who knows when a sparrow falls to the ground.  
We believe he is the source of abundance, grace and truth.**

**We believe in the extravagant God  
who turns the other cheek,  
goes the extra mile,  
turns water into the best wine, and  
brings healing with his touch,**

**We believe in the redeeming God  
who spared no cost to save mankind,  
forgave the dying thief at his side,  
and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even his friends were  
dismayed with joy.**

**We believe in the God who is always more willing to give than we are to ask.  
Amen.**

*Our prayers are led by Paul Cavill*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

**Hymn: *Who has held the oceans*  
Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice**

**Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach, the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?  
Behold our God. . .**

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign  
Behold our God. . .  
You will reign forever (let Your glory fill the Earth). . .**

**Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him.**

***Feedback from Sunday Club***

### ***The blessing***

May the light of heaven keep you warm,  
and the voice of Jesus calm your storm.

May you know the peace that passes  
understanding.

May you hear and answer when he calls,  
and the arms of angels break your fall,  
and the Father watch over us all, today and every day.

And the blessing. . .

### **Hymn: Guide me O thou great Redeemer**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

**Pilgrim through this barren land;**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty;**

**Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;**

**Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,**

**Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,**

**Whence the healing stream doth flow;**

**Let the fire and cloudy pillar**

**Lead me all my journey through;**

**Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,**

**Be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,**

**Bid my anxious fears subside;**

**Death of death, and hell's Destruction,**

**Land me safe on Canaan's side;**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises**

**I will ever give to thee.**

**Please stay for refreshments**

**Net week Family Communion and Sunday Club**

