Service for the Sixth Sunday Family Service

Welcome:

Jesus says ‘I have come that you might have life and have it in abundance.’ John 10:10

We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We are continuing our series on God’s promises. We have considered his promises to grant us rest, to be with us and strengthen us.

Today we are thinking about his promise to grant us a place with him in glory.

Opening hymn: Light of the World

Light of the world,

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You’re my God*

*You’re altogether lovely,*

*altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, O so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above,

Humbly You came

to the earth You created

All for love’s sake became poor

*So here I am to worship…*

And I’ll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon the cross.

And I’ll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon the cross.

*So here I am to worship…*

Confession:

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith

We renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God, long suffering and of great goodness

I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart

My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments

My wrong doing, thinking and speaking:

The hurts I have done to others

and the good I have left undone

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;

And raise me to new life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Your Son has opened for us

A new and living way into your presence

Give us new hearts and steadfast wills

To walk in your ways and delight in your truth

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

Designing a home:

Chorus: Great Big God

Our God is a great big God (x3)

And He holds us in His hands

He’s higher than a skyscraper

He’s deeper than a submarine

He’s wider than the universe

And beyond my wildest dreams

He’s known me and He’s loved me

Since before the world began

How wonderful to be a part

of God’s amazing plan

Reading: John 14:1-6

I will prepare a place for you:

Chorus: Lead me home

When my life is full of sorrow

And I feel I can’t go on

One thing I know

He will take me by the hand

And He will lead me home tonight

*May the Saviour always be my guide*

*He will always be right by my side*

*And all my days*

*I’ll bring my praise*

*And He will lead me home tonight*

When the clouds, they keep on coming

And the sun won’t light the day

I look to Him

He’s my shelter from the storm

And He will lead me home tonight.

*Chorus*

I’ll keep on going, I’ll keep on praising

Knowing You are mine

I’ll keep on praying, I’ll keep on saying

May Your glory shine

All my fear and all my sorrows

They will fade each time I hear

My friend and King

Came and gave His life for me

And He will lead me home tonight

*Chorus x2*

Reading: Revelation 22:1-7

Address:

Prayers:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you

Such good things as pass our understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love toward you

That we, loving you in all things and above all things,

May obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;

Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Our response to the following prayers is:*

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father,

we pray for all statespersons, leaders and politicians,

especially at this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

May they be guided by you

to make wise decisions as the lockdown is eased across the world.

May we all abide by the limitations placed on our lives,

Being careful to protect others as well as ourselves.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Heavenly Father,

you taught us to love our neighbour

and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, grant us compassion

to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,

to care for the isolated and support the vulnerable.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Father, we pray for those whose lives

have been disrupted by the pandemic;

those who have not been able to spend precious time with loved ones

who have had to defer their wedding or other significant life events

those who have extra pressures at work,

those who are struggling with the restrictions and isolation

including loneliness, working from home, home schooling,

financial problems or domestic abuse

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Heavenly Father, defender of the oppressed

We pray for the homeless and the hungry,

the marginalized and those who are being trafficked,

those discriminated against because of gender, colour or disability.

Protect and uphold them, grant them justice.

Make us aware and grant us courage and compassion

To stand alongside and be their friend.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Merciful Father, we hold before you

all who are feeling low at this time,

those who are ill, either at home, hospital, hospice or care home.

We pray for all who care for them

and for protection of all carers at this time,

may they all be aware of your peace, love and healing touch.

We lift up to God those people, places or situations

that are on our hearts and minds today.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Remembering the 5th anniversary of the Bosley explosion on 17th July 2015,

a prayer by the children of Bosley School, thinking especially of the families and friends of Dorothy Bailey, Derek Moore, Jason Shingler and Will Barks, who lost their lives in the fire.

Lord of all compassion,  
We pray for all those caught up in the midst of tragedy.  
For those who have lost life  
For those who are worried for people they love  
For those who will see loved ones no longer  
Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding  
For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil  
Lord Have Mercy.  
For those in confusion and those in despair  
For those whose tears are yet to dry  
For those in need of your unending love  
Lord Have Mercy.  
Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom**

**the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God;

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,*

*Praising my Saviour, all the day long;*

*This is my story, this is my song,*

*Praising my Saviour, all the day long;*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

*Chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Saviour am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus*

Blessing:

May God the Father, who has called us in love,

Make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,

Reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,

Joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and for ever more. **Amen.**