

## Service Plan | Sunday 15 August

- This service is designed for use in a small group setting, so will function differently with only 1 or 2 people. Feel free to adapt it to suit.
- It will be helpful if one person leads the gathering, and introduces each section using the suggested words, or take turns! There are some things to say together as well (in bold).
- You can access the songs and sermon by clicking on the links where they are found in the outline.

### *Introduction*

As we meet together today, let's begin by giving thanks to our great God and Saviour who has called us into his church:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you  
for all your gifts so freely given to us,  
for life and health and safety,  
for power to work, leisure to rest,  
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.  
But above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection,  
for the gift of your Spirit,  
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Optional Song*

Micah Song - [Link](#)

### *Optional Kid's Song*

Super Saviour - [Link](#)

### *Optional Kid's Video* (approx. 10 minutes)

Suffering (Part 5 - How should we live NOW?) - [Overview with discussion Q's](#)

Quiz Worx Video - [Link](#)

Kids' Activity sheets are here: [Ages 2-4](#) | [Ages 5-8](#) | [Ages 9-12](#)

### *Bible Readings*

The following, or another prayer may be said before the Bible readings

Thank you, Father, that all Scripture is God-breathed,  
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting  
and training in righteousness.

Open our hearts to receive your word, that we may know you better  
and be thoroughly equipped for every good work,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **1 Kings 22:1-12**

There was a lull of three years without war between Aram and Israel. <sup>2</sup> However, in the third year, King Jehoshaphat of Judah went to visit the king of Israel. <sup>3</sup> The king of Israel had said to his servants, “Don’t you know that Ramoth-gilead is ours, but we’re doing nothing to take it from the king of Aram?” <sup>4</sup> So he asked Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to fight Ramoth-gilead?”

Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” <sup>5</sup> But Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “First, please ask what the LORD’s will is.”

<sup>6</sup> So the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and asked them, “Should I go against Ramoth-gilead for war or should I refrain?”

They replied, “March up, and the Lord will hand it over to the king.”

<sup>7</sup> But Jehoshaphat asked, “Isn’t there a prophet of the LORD here anymore? Let’s ask him.”

<sup>8</sup> The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man who can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies good about me, but only disaster. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.”

“The king shouldn’t say that!” Jehoshaphat replied.

<sup>9</sup> So the king of Israel called an officer and said, “Hurry and get Micaiah son of Imlah!”

<sup>10</sup> Now the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah, clothed in royal attire, were each sitting on his own throne. They were on the threshing floor at the entrance to the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying in front of them. <sup>11</sup> Then Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made iron horns and said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘You will gore the Arameans with these until they are finished off.’” <sup>12</sup> And all the prophets were prophesying the same: “March up to Ramoth-gilead and succeed, for the LORD will hand it over to the king.”

## **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

Additionally then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received instruction from us on how you should live and please God—as you are doing—do this even more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> For this is God’s will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, <sup>4</sup> that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don’t know God. <sup>6</sup> This means one must not transgress against and take advantage of a brother or sister in this manner, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not

called us to impurity but to live in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> About brotherly love: You don't need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. <sup>10</sup> In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers and sisters in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do this even more, <sup>11</sup> to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may behave properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone.

**Christian Standard Bible (CSB)**

The Christian Standard Bible. Copyright © 2017 by Holman Bible Publishers.

## ***Creed***

Let's affirm together, with Christian around the world and through the ages, what it is we believe:

**We believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***Sermon***

Garry Dibley – [1 Thessalonians 4:1-12](#)

***Optional time for discussion or reflection***

## ***Confession***

Although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father.

Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

**Heavenly Father,  
we praise you for adopting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life.  
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins  
and made us clean in your sight.  
Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should.  
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,  
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,  
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation.

## ***Prayer***

**Informal time of prayer or you could use the prayers below:**

Father, we thank you for your amazing love for us, for your gift of Jesus so freely given, for your protection of all of those who trust in you. Without you Lord, we can do nothing, for we are frail, weak and totally sinful, yet in your mercy you have redeemed us. Forgive us Lord, for those times we turn from you to our own way where nothing is strong and nothing is holy. Help us to keep our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith.

We thank you Father for the gift of marriage, for the union of one man with one woman whom you have joined together in marriage, that they may know your presence in joys and sorrows. Deepen their love for each other and sustain them in their commitment. We pray that you will draw couples to grow together spiritually in their love for you and in their union, help them to love and support one another.

Father we pray for children presently in home schooling due to covid, that in their learning they will know your blessing. Help all students adjust to their circumstances, to follow instruction, listen to their parents and obey rules set to help them learn and grow in understanding. We particularly pray for those who are sitting Higher School Certificate this year. Bless these students as they prepare for their final exams, give them comfort and fill them with your peace.

We pray for our youth as they meet together on Zoom, to learn of you each week. Teach them to walk in your truth so that they grow to Christian maturity. Guide Dan as he leads

them, so that even with the limitations of online fellowship, with its physical isolation, Dan is able to help our youth find encouragement, support and acceptance.

Father, we thank you for the wonderful help extended to others by Volunteers, as they give of their time and energy to support, encourage and enrich others' lives. We pray your blessing over Volunteers and ask that you help them to be like Isaiah, who said, "Here I am, send me..."

Merciful God, we pray for the media in our country and throughout the world. Thank you for the technology that has enabled us to be connected with so many people and places. Give to those who directly work and participate in the media, a love of truth, peace and justice. Strengthen them to speak out against all that is evil and to celebrate the good, working with honesty, integrity and wisdom for the good order of society. Use the media to proclaim your greatness and bring many to trust in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

These prayers we bring before you in Jesus' name. Amen.

### ***Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father 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.  
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 forever. Amen.**

### ***What's happening***

Church notices - [Video Link](#)

### ***Optional Song***

O Great God - [Link](#)

### ***Concluding Prayer***

**Father, take us and use us to love and serve you  
and all people, in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



You can support using the bank details:

**Account Name: The Anglican Parish of Narellan**

**BSB: 062 516**

**Account Number: 0016 1103**

*Description:*

**Year 13 2022** - to support Sam

**Heidi** - to support Heidi

**AngAid** - to support our Anglican Aid students

### Thanksgiving Month Giving Update

Heidi: \$1000

Sam - Year 13: \$1000

Anglican Aid: \$2990

Unallocated: \$1000

## PRAYER MEETING

Monday 23 August

7pm on Zoom



**zoom meeting ID: 84499705074**

A prayer meeting specifically  
focusing on thanksgiving

---

## COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?

You can let us know [HERE](#)

---

Click [HERE](#) to sign up to our weekly electronic newsletter  
and keep up to date on what is happening!

