

Service Plan | Lord's Supper | Sunday 5 September

- 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

We have come together as the church of God to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, to encourage one another to hold fast to the hope he has given us, and to spur one another on to love and good deeds.

Psalm 105 says:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about all his wondrous works!"

Let's now sing together:

Optional Song

Behold our God - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Video (approx. 8 minutes)

Sermon on the Mount (Part 3 - Treasures in Heaven)

Quiz Worx Video - [Link](#)

Kid's 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

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

[1 Kings 22:41-50](#)

Jehoshaphat son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Israel's King Ahab. ⁴² Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king; he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah daughter of Shilhi. ⁴³ He walked in all the ways of his father Asa; he did not turn away from them but did what was right in the Lord's sight. However, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ⁴⁴ Jehoshaphat also made peace with the king of Israel.

⁴⁵ The rest of the events of Jehoshaphat's reign, along with the might he exercised and how he waged war, are written in the Historical Record of Judah's Kings. ⁴⁶ He eradicated from the land the rest of the male cult prostitutes who were left from the days of his father Asa. ⁴⁷ There was no king in Edom; a deputy served as king. ⁴⁸ Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but they did not go

because the ships were wrecked at Ezion-geber. ⁴⁹ At that time, Ahaziah son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with your servants in the ships,” but Jehoshaphat was not willing. ⁵⁰ Jehoshaphat rested with his ancestors and was buried with them in the city of his ancestor David. His son Jehoram became king in his place.

[2 Thessalonians 1](#)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God’s churches—about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions that you are enduring. ⁵ It is clear evidence of God’s righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God’s kingdom, for which you also are suffering, ⁶ since it is just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you ⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸ when he takes vengeance with flaming fire on those who don’t know God and on those who don’t obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord’s presence and from his glorious strength ¹⁰ on that day when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed. ¹¹ In view of this, we always pray for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon

[Dan Budd - 2 Thess 1:1–12](#)

Optional time for discussion or reflection

Prayer

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

Dear God, the foundation of wisdom and truth, during this spring enable us to consider the wonder of the created world and the glory of your character shown in its beauty, power, and planning. May we not get so lost in the creation that we ignore

the creator. Remind us to give all honour and praise to you for the magnificence of the world around us. And for the gift of your Holy Spirit, for sending your own Son to suffer the punishment for our rebellion so that we can have a right relationship with You.

We pray for the continuing unfolding of the Covid crisis. No matter the situation, may people turn their thoughts towards you, developing their reliance and faith in you and your word. We pray for those feeling lost and lonely, those feeling cut off from friends and family, those undergoing financial hardship and relational strife, that you will bring peace and certainty in an uncertain and troubled world.

We continue to commit to you our front-line workers during this health emergency. Uphold those workers who give so much for our community. We pray for wisdom for our political and medical leaders so they will increasingly seek to serve you and strive to put the community's needs above their own desires.

We pray, Dear God, for the people of Afghanistan, that where there is war and bloodshed, you will bring peace and healing. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ who seek to serve you. Strengthen their commitment to you, and we ask there will be opportunity to witness for you. We pray for safety and protection and that your justice will prevail.

We pray for safety and planning during our church building programme. May our congregation be a light on a hill in this region and many people throughout Macarthur come to know you as Lord and Saviour. We pray for Jim and Dan and others who give their time and energy to the spread of your word. May their discussions and decisions be God honouring and productive for your glory.

We pray for our regular services as we grapple with connecting with each other in these challenging times. We pray we continue to uphold one another in prayer, bring each other's requests before you in a humble understanding of our reliance on you.

We bring before you the work of Anglicare and other organisations which seek to

assist those who feel marginalised and in need of care and support. May new initiatives allow people to connect, be heard and have their needs met. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, in whom alone our salvation rests. Amen

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 forever. Amen.**

Lord's Supper Service

During the live 9am service

Optional Song

Rock of Ages - [Link](#)

Concluding Prayer

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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