

Service Plan | Sunday 12 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 on 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 to love and good deeds.

Optional Song

All Creatures of Our God and King - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Song

Big Bible Story - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Video (approx. 7 minutes)

Sermon on the Mount (Part 4 - Do not Judge) - [Overview with discussion Q's](#)

Quiz Worx Video - [Link](#)

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

Confession

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

So let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together,

Merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts,
and have broken your holy laws.**

**We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.**

Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;

restore those who repent,

**according to the promises declared to us
through your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Notices

[Video link](#)

Bible Readings

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

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[1 Kings 22:51-53](#)

⁵¹ Ahaziah son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Judah's King Jehoshaphat, and he reigned over Israel two years. ⁵² He did what was evil in the LORD's sight. He walked in the ways of his father, in the ways of his mother, and in the ways of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin. ⁵³ He served Baal and bowed in worship to him. He angered the LORD God of Israel just as his father had done.

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him: We ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be easily upset or troubled, either by a prophecy or by a message or by a letter supposedly from us, alleging that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God's temple, proclaiming that he himself is God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was still with you I used to tell you about this? ⁶ And you know what currently restrains him, so that he will be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way, ⁸ and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of his mouth and will bring him to nothing at the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie, ¹⁰ and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, ¹² so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.

¹³ But we ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, so that you might obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught, whether by what we said or what we wrote.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.

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Sermon

Jim Douglass - [2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#)

Optional time for discussion or reflection

Apostles' Creed

Let's acknowledge together what we believe.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, 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.**

**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.**

Prayer

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

Dear Heavenly Father

We praise you as our Sovereign Lord; creator and sustainer of all there is. You have given us your Word, the Bible, so that we may know who you are and what you require of us. As we read your Word, help us to understand so our knowledge of you increases. Help us to apply that knowledge in the way we live so that we might put off our old sinful ways and become more Christlike for the benefit of your Kingdom.

Help us gracious Lord to get our priorities right. While you bless us in our lives on Earth, help us to understand you have a greater blessing when you bring us home to you in Heaven. Enable us to serve you in our current lives, with a view to bringing others to know you as Lord and Saviour.

We pray for Youthworks as they seek to fulfil their mission of supporting the work of the gospel in churches and schools and to present children, youth and families mature in Christ. Grant them the resources they need to fulfil this mission. Help them to adapt to the trying circumstances that COVID brings, especially as Outdoor Education has been interrupted. Enable the Leaders in Training to grow in their knowledge and confidence so that they can be effective witnesses for the gospel.

We pray for Anglican Aid as they seek to fulfil their vision of seeing the grace of God overflowing to a world in need. Help your church to provide the resources that will provide critical food aid and essential resources for villages in Fiji and by supporting Christian partners in many parts of the World affected by COVID to care for patients with ventilators, oxygen machines and cylinders, medicine and PPE.

We praise you Lord for all those who seek to tell others of you; for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who have taken on this essential role. We pray for all who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word and bring many to saving trust in Christ. We think particularly of the French family in Spain and Pete Ritchie in Focus Military Ministry; help us to support them by our prayers and offerings in the gospel work. Help us to commend the gospel ourselves to others by what we say and do.

We thank you for your gracious provision of all that we need. We give back our offerings to you as a token of our love and ask for wisdom for our Parish Council in how to use it to best effect for your Kingdom.

We ask all this through Your Son, our Lord. 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.

Optional Song

See Him Coming - [Link](#)

Concluding Prayer

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

August Offertory Update

August Budget: \$28,097 | Actual Giving: \$27,934



Thanksgiving Month Giving Update

Heidi: \$5206
Sam - Year 13: \$6250
Anglican Aid: \$6040

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