

Service Plan | Sunday 19 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

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

Before the Throne of God Above - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Song

Peace Like a River - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Video (approx. 11 minutes)

Living God's Way - Part 2 - Loving Your Enemies

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.**

2 Peter 1

Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ:

To those who have received a faith equal to ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶ knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷ godliness with brotherly affection, ⁸ and brotherly affection with love. ⁹ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. ¹¹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble. ¹² For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

¹³ Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you now have. ¹⁴ I think it is right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder, ¹⁵ since I know that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has indeed made clear to me. ¹⁶ And I will also make every effort so that you are able to recall these things at any time after my departure.

¹⁷ For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁸ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased!" ¹⁹ We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. ²⁰ We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²¹ Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, ²² because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and

evil people, for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister who is idle and does not live according to the tradition received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you should imitate us: We were not idle among you; ⁸ we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. ¹⁰ In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." ¹¹ For we hear that there are some among you who are idle. They are not busy but busybodies. ¹² Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and provide for themselves. ¹³ But as for you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good.

¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take note of that person; don't associate with him, so that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet don't consider him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

¹⁶ May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you. ¹⁷ I, Paul, am writing this greeting with my own hand, which is an authenticating mark in every letter; this is how I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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Sermon

Dan Budd – [2 Thessalonians 3:1-18](#)

Optional time for discussion or reflection

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.**

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 that we are never alone! For you have promised to never leave us, no matter what the world might say. We especially thank you for your gift of Jesus, for His life, death and resurrection, for it is through Him that we have the promise of eternal life with you.

We thank you Lord, for the ministry here at Narellan Anglican and pray that your word might go unhindered and be glorified through the lives of all of us as we receive your word and obediently serve you.

We thank you for Jim and Dan as they lead us and faithfully open your word to us. We also thank you for all the ministry team as they serve your people here.

Protect us Lord as we live in the midst of many dangers and temptations and that because we are weak and frail, we cannot always stand firm. Grant us strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations.

Thank you for guiding us through the difficult times with Covid as we navigate online services, Bible Studies and remote contact with one another. In all of the difficult times, we thank you that you are faithful and that you will work through us to your glory, as we are obedient to you.

Bless our community Lord, and its development of new suburbs, expanding through growth in numbers of families choosing to make this region their home. We pray for your blessing and protection and that truth and wisdom may be pursued, prized and celebrated in schools and places of education. Guide local Government in its decision making and bless the work of Police, Fire Brigade and Emergency Services as they seek to protect our community. We pray that people in this community will be drawn to worship you and to praise your holy Name.

We ask these things 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.**

Optional Song

Undivided - [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.

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