



Sermon

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,  
who made us in the divine image.

**We live, we love, we laugh,  
because we are like God.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**He had the last laugh on the devil  
when He rose from the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

**Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –  
He is our joy!**

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,  
when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours  
as your children,  
when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the People

that you are good. In our grief, anger, and sometimes in simply unlucky circumstances we sometimes forget that you are good, so we shake our fists against you, but like a loving parent, you hold us and comfort us and remind us of your steadfast love.

So God, help us turn our eyes, ears, and hearts to what is good. Restore our souls and mindset in a way that sees beauty in loving kindness and justice. Turn our gaze towards your peace that can reconcile.

As we think about conflicts in the world in places like Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and many other places we admit that it would be so much easier to turn away and let it just be. But God of peace, that isn't right. Set our hearts to things above, so that we can see those who suffer and are

dying and work creatively with your Holy Spirit to usher ways of safety and peace. God, we know this isn't going to magically happen, because the work of peace is slow work. So, instill in us and the nations of this world, this slow work. So God, hear the cries of the hurting and with their backs against the wall, and remind them and us that you are this good and loving God.

As we lift up those who suffer in conflicts around the world, we also remember those who carry heavy burdens of sorrow and grief in their hearts.\

We pray for those who are sad. There is much to grieve, whether it is the loss of a loved one, a job, a friendship, or a relationship. Show comfort to those who mourn, and in your timing, may their mourning be turned into dancing once again.

We also celebrate with those who are in the midst of joy. We thank you for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and accomplished goals and for those who are simply just feeling good. May their joy be contagious and a source of good news to a hurting world.

Loving God, may you bless us this coming week, and may we look for ways to see your love and grace in those around us.

We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying...  
*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here,

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We Lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Honor and worship are indeed your due, our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ, for you created all things; by your will they were created, and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us before the foundation of the world to be your people; you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah and bestowed your favor on the Virgin Mary.

Above all we give you thanks and praise for your grace in sending Jesus Christ, not for any merit of our own but when we had turned away from you.

We were bound in sin, but in your compassion you redeemed us, reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore Heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever.  
Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, thank you for inviting us to this banquet! Give us the joy of your salvation, help us to remember the gift we have received, and send your Spirit to empower us to live as brothers and sisters, members of one family.

**All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

Hymn                      May the God of Hope Go with Us    Hymn 765

(Sing three times)

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Lucas Levy Keppel

Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Robert M. Thompson

Prayers of the People by Rev. Werner Ramirez

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*