



## **Morning Worship - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024** **God Answers Hannah**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening hymn 427 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We come in this service to God,  
**In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**  
We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,  
**And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.**  
We come with our faith and with our doubts,  
**We come with our hopes and with our fears.**  
We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,  
**And God has promised never to turn us away.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Prayers of Forgiveness**

God has promised never to turn us away, but in the light of his love, we see our own shortcomings, and to repent is to turn around. Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Blessed be the Lord,  
who has heard the voice of our prayer.  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.**

**Reading:**

**1 Samuel 1: 9-11, 19-20, 2: 1-10**

From where we are  
to where you need us,  
**Jesus now lead on**  
From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you will reveal,  
**Jesus, now lead on**  
To refashion the fabric of this world  
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom  
**Jesus, now lead on**  
Because good things have been prepared  
for those who love God.  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

Hymn 467 Tell out my soul

The Blessing

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,  
and bring you to see God at work;  
and the blessing ...

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.**
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,**
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

*Luke 1.46-55*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Sermon

Hymn 363 O God beyond all praising

## The Apostles' Creed

**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;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

## The Intercessions

Offertory Hymn 516 Through all the changing scenes of life

### Offertory prayer:

**Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour  
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## The Collect

**God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Concluding prayers

**God of Glory, you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us  
the light of your glory may shine in all the world.  
In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,  
Help us heavenly Father, to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**