



**ST MARK'S**

ANGLICAN CHURCH DARLING POINT



**Philippians**  
*Complete Joy*

**Trinity Twenty**

**17 October 2021  
10am Congregation**

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we can organise for someone to give you a call this week.*

# PRAISING GOD

## IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart –  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

4. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the  
heart.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

## THANKSGIVING

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you humble and heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD****BIBLE READING - John 8:12-32**

Liz De Morgan

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup> Again he said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

<sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

<sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." <sup>25</sup> They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

<sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. <sup>29</sup> And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **BIBLE READING - Philippians 4:8-9**

Tim Escott

Paul said <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **CREED - Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, and the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross. **Amen.**

## SERMON

Michael Jensen

### JESUS, STRONG AND KIND

1. Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind.*

2. Jesus said, if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him.

3. Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to Him. *Chorus*

4. Jesus said, if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me. *Chorus*

*City Alight*

### PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

#### CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR CITY, AND THE WORLD

Diane Speed

## THE 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.

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### NOTICES

**GIVE**

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, wonderful counselor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
you're the way, the truth and life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the risen one, heaven's champion,  
and you reign, you reign over all.*

3. I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
where countless worshippers will share one song,  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!    *Chorus*

*Stuart Townend*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your patience and love, your mercy and justice.

Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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We hope today's service was transformative for you. Join us next week as we continue with our series - *Complete Joy - The secret of contentment* - and hear Michael Jensen speak to us from Philippians 4:10-23.

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