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**10am Congregation**

## PRAISING GOD

### 10,000 REASONS

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His Holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul*

*I'll worship Your Holy name*

1. The sun comes up  
it's a new day dawning  
it's time to sing your song again  
whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
let me be singing when the evening comes     *Refrain*

2. You're rich in love  
and you're slow to anger  
your name is great and your heart is kind  
for all your goodness I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find     *Refrain*

3. And on that day  
when my strength is failing  
the end draws near, and my time has come  
still my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousands years and then forever more     *Refrain*

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman*

## 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.

**WELCOME**

Jenny Atkinson

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**BIBLE READING - 18:1-19**

Pamela Jackson

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;

<sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

<sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens, and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

<sup>10</sup> He rode on a cherub, and flew;  
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

- <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering around him,  
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.
- <sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness before him  
there broke through his clouds  
hailstones and coals of fire.
- <sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.
- <sup>14</sup> And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.
- <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- <sup>16</sup> He reached down from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.
- <sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;  
for they were too mighty for me.
- <sup>18</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the LORD was my support.
- <sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a broad place;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **BIBLE READING - Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

- <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
- <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;
- <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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## **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**

Stephanie Leung

## **THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD**

1. The perfect wisdom of our God,  
revealed in all the universe:  
All things created by His hand,  
and held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas,  
the secrets of the stars are His;  
he guides the planets on their way,  
and turns the earth through another day.

2. The matchless wisdom of His ways,  
that mark the path of righteousness;  
his word a lamp unto my feet,  
his Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And oh, the mystery of the cross,  
that God should suffer for the lost  
so that the fool might shame the wise,  
and all the glory might go to Christ!

3. Oh grant me wisdom from above,  
to pray for peace and cling to love,  
and teach me humbly to receive  
the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place  
within this tapestry of grace;  
so through the trials I choose to say:  
"Your perfect will in your perfect way."

*Stuart Townend*

## **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**

Viva Doraisingham

## 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**

### 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.

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

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*

### 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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