

***Song before Service***

Great is he like none before

***Welcome***

***Worship in Song***

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me  
I will rejoice with every day he gives  
I will recall the wonders he has shown to me  
His power to heal his mercy to forgive  
We join with angels to sing his praises  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

High as the heavens reach above the earth  
Is your unfailing love, is your unfailing love  
Far as the east is banished from the west  
You took our sins from us  
removed our sins from us  
How wide how high is your unfailing love

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak  
Their deepest needs he loves to satisfy  
Throughout the earth  
His justice and his mercy speak  
And he will run to meet the victim's cry  
From everlasting to everlasting  
Our youth renewed with every step we take

Though we are dust a moment in eternity  
As flowers bloom today and then are gone  
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity  
His patience smiles on all who turn to him  
From generation to generation  
We'll tell the story of his faithfulness

***Introduction***

We are here today to give thanks for Luca, with his family and friends, and to support his parents, Christian and Victoria in their responsibilities with prayer and love. God became one of us in Jesus, and understands all that surrounds the arrival and upbringing of children. It is God's purpose that children should know love within the stability of their home, grow in faith, and come at last to the eternal city where his love reigns supreme.

***Bible Reading***

Mark 10:13-16 (*Church Bible page 846*)

***Video - For this child***

***Thanksgiving and Blessing***

Do you receive these children as a gift from God?  
*Parents: We do.*

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing? *Parents: We do.*

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***All: Blessed be God for ever.***

What name have you given this child?

*Parents: His name is Luca.*

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Luca. Heavenly Father, we praise you for his birth; surround him with your blessing that he may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all his days.

***All: May he learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

May God the Father of all bless Christian and Victoria and give them grace to love and care for Luca. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for the children's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Parents: God our creator, we thank you for the gift of Luca, entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love he may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### ***Worship in Song***

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### ***Bible Reading***

Romans 8.6-11 (*Church Bible page 944*)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### ***Sermon***

### ***An Affirmation of Faith***

Using words from Philipians chapter 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God: **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***Confession***

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

*At the end:* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

### ***Offertory Prayer***

**Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### ***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 for ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We receive communion*

### ***Worship in Song***

Man of Sorrows. What a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood;  
Sealed my pardon with his blood;  
Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

Guilty, vile and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement - can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

Lifted up he was to die,  
'It is finished', was his cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high;  
Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing;  
Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

### ***Worship in Song***

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow him.

### ***Worship in Song***

Spirit of heaven flood over me  
Forming Christ in all that I do  
Turn every sinful desire in me  
Into holy passion for You

O Spirit of God come down  
Let mercy and grace abound  
My passionate prayer shall be  
Christ in me

Spirit of beauty and holiness  
Come refine with fire from above  
Till I am cast in Your righteousness  
And I love the things that You love

Breathe Your forgiveness when darkness falls  
And my heart is heavy with sin  
Fill me with faith for the higher cause  
Of the ceaseless praise of the King

### ***Prayer after Communion***

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### ***Worship in Song***

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart, it is thine own  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

### ***Blessing***

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### ***Music as we leave:***

My heart is filled with thankfulness