

Welcome to the



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A Prayer for the Church (from the USA)

Do not let your Church close its eyes, O Lord,
to the plight of the poor and neglected,
the homeless and destitute, the old and the sick,
the lonely and those who have none to care for
them.

Give us the vision and compassion to labour
tirelessly

to heal those who are broken in body and spirit,
and to turn their sorrow into joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday 20 August 2017
“The Story we find ourselves in” Part 6:
“Church”



Please stand to receive God’s Word into your midst.

Welcome

Call to Worship - (congregational responses are **in bold**)

Jesus said,

“Where two or three come together in my name,
there I am with them.”

Come, then, and rejoice, for Jesus is with us.

We are the living temple of God,

a people set apart for praise.

Come, and let us worship with joy and reverence

for we are part of the Church of Jesus Christ

and he is in our midst.

**Praise: The Church is wherever God’s people
are praising (CH4 522)**

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are --
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4 The Church is wherever God's people are
praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are
trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

Children's Message

Praise: I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
(CH4 204)

[Refrain:]

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the church together!

1 The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.

The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people! [Refrain]

2 We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces:

all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places. [Refrain]

3 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: [Refrain]

5 At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the good news through the world to all who would hear it. [Refrain]

6 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;
there's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe: [Refrain]

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Approach

Praise: The Church's one foundation *omit v.3*
(MP 640)

- 1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord:
she is His new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.

Prayer of confession (Elder) ending with 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Readings: **1 Peter 2: 1 10** (p. 1218)

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all
deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31a (p. 1152)

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues ? Do all interpret?

31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Praise: Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake! (MP 178)

(Tune: Woodlands, No.631 ii)

- 1 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world His worthy praise may sing.
- 2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?

- 3 Go forth and tell! men still in darkness lie;
in wealth or want, in sin they live and die:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like Yours which cares for all mankind.

- 4 Go forth and tell! the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts – let no-one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall
choose,
your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

- 5 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord
supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King for evermore.

Sermon

**Praise: Let us build a house where love can
dwell** (CH4 198)

All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's
 > wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with -

to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 > jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 > vealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers for Others

Praise: Brother, sister, let me serve you (CH4 694)

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;

let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

Next Sunday 27 August we conclude our look at
“The story we find ourselves in”
when we reflect on the theme of
“**Consummation**”.

The following Sunday, 3 September,
we start another Church year
with both the Sunday School
and the Youth Group resuming.

As well as our monthly celebration of the Sacrament
of Holy Communion, our service will include an
invitation

to make a Re-Commitment to our Faith
at the start of a new Church year.

Countries to be held in prayer this month

Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu, French Polynesia (Tahiti),
Federated States of Micronesia, Cook Islands,
Palau, Kiribati, Nauru & The Marshall Islands, New
Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Vanuatu, Fiji,
Solomon Islands, Antarctica and New Caledonia
(Kanaky).

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Uncle Dave Dziworshie and Evert Dorn on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 27 August 10h30 "The story we find ourselves in" Consummation"

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Esther Abang

Children's message: Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Colette Mbwoge

Welcome: John Essel & (Irene van Ginkel's replacement?)

Crèche: Veronica & Marcel Kind

Deacons-Counting: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku & Frans v.d. Meer

Door: Bob Hensen

Beamer: Daniel de Jong
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
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