

Welcome to the



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Thought for the week

Discernment

Discernment is knowing

when to speak and when to remain silent,
when to move and when to be still,
when to consume and when to abstain,
when to include and when to leave out,
when to hold and when to let go.

*WL Wallace, New Zealand
from 'Courage to Love'.*

**Order of Service for Sunday 17
September 2017**

Next Sunday, 24 Sept, will be our Harvest
Thanksgiving Service
and will be followed by a Soup & Pudding Lunch.

Sunday 17 September 2017

Call to Worship - we sing together
As we are gathered, Jesus is here (MP 38)

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
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one with each other, Jesus is here.

Introit: "We walk by faith and not by sight"
(Choir - Henry Alford)

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Praise: Stand up and bless the Lord (*omit v.4* - MP 615) (Tune: Carlisle)

- 1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of His choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God,
with heart and soul and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high;
who would not fear His holy name?
and laud and magnify?
- 3 O for the living flame
from His own altar brought,
O touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

- 5 God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
- 6 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

Children's Message

Praise: I have decided to follow Jesus (MP272)

- 1 I have decided to follow Jesus, (*3 times*)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 2 The world behind me, the cross before me, (*3 times*)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 3 Though none go with me, I still will follow, (*3 times*)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (*3 times*)
no turning back, no turning back.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - 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.**

A story from “The story we find ourselves in”:
part of the story of the exodus from Egypt
Exodus 14: 19 – 31 (p. 72)

19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,

20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.

25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Praise: O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed (CH4 268)

1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! be the God
of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

4 O spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our chosen God,
and portion evermore.

Reading: **Romans 14: 1 – 12** (p. 1154)

1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without
quarreling over disputable matters.

2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but
another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone.

8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

11 It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.' "

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Reflection: "Judgement is for God"

Praise: Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

(MP 395)

- 1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with Your living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of Your wings.
- 2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release;
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.
- 3 Crown, O God, Your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with Your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the richness of Your word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

Reading: **Matthew 18: 21 – 35**

(p. 985)

[The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant](#)

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reflection: “But how judgemental are we?”

**Praise: ‘Forgive our sins as we forgive’,
you taught us, Lord, to pray**

(CH4 486)

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Anthem: "Ascribe greatness"

(Choir - MP 40)

Admission by Profession of Faith
of Gabi Jang, Esmeralda Ornella Cabrella Jang and
Mike Jang - during which we will say:

The Apostles' Creed (CH4 628)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

and sing:

Praise: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

(CH4 640)

- 1 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.
- 3 Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
keep us holy through your presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Church News followed by Prayers for Others

Praise: We have heard a joyful sound: Jesus saves!
(MP 730)

- 1 We have heard a joyful sound:
Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around:
Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command:
Jesus saves!
- 2 Sing above the battle's strife:
Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,

when the heart for mercy craves;
sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
Jesus saves!

- 3 Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice:
Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free
to every strand that ocean laves –
this our song of victory:
Jesus saves!

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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Tonight at 7.30pm



Come along to sing to God's praise!

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 Allen Foster, Moira Lawson, Jaco Jacobs and Brendan van der Velden on their birthdays.

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

What's on the agenda?

Wed 20 Sept 19h00 Alpha Course – How
can I have faith?

Sunday 24 Sept 9h15 Bible Study – Apostles'
Creed

10h30 Harvest Thanksgiving –
followed by Soup & Pudding Lunch

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Esther Abang

Welcome: Jaco Jacobs & Irene van Ginkel

Crèche: Veronica & Marcel Kind

Deacons-Counting: Ato Cromwell & Fred Booman

Door: Bob Hensen

Beamer: Andrévan der velden

Recording: André v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Christine Galloway & Marie Chandler

Flowers: Moira Lawson

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