

Open Heaven

APPROACHING THE CROSS (1)

Mark 1:9-15

18th February 2024



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Welcome & call to worship

Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.



Songs

- God, you have done great things
- Lord, I come before your throne of grace
- When the music fades



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**God, You give grace to the
weak,**

**And bless the broken-hearted
With a song of praise to sing.**



**You reached down and lifted
us up,
You came running, looking for
us.
And now there's nothing,
And no one beyond Your love.**



**You're the overflow,
You're the fountain of my
heart,
So let Your mercy rain,
Let Your mercy rain on us.**



**You're the faithful One
When the world's falling apart.
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**How deep, how wide, how
long, how high
Is Your love, is Your love.
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Is Your love, is Your love, O
God.**



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**What A Faithful God
Have I (Lord I Come
Before Your Throne Of
Grace)**



**Lord, I come before Your
throne of grace;
I find rest in Your presence
And fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder
I behold Your face,
Singing what a faithful God
have I.**



**What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.**



**Lord of mercy, You have heard
my cry;
Through the storm You're the
beacon,
My song in the night in the
shelter of Your wings
Hear my heart's reply, singing
what a faithful God have I.**

**What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.**



**Lord, all sovereign, granting
peace from heav'n,
Let me comfort those who suffer
with the comfort You have giv'n.
I will tell of Your great love for as
long as I live,
Singing what a faithful God have I**



**What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.**

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When The Music Fades (Heart Of Worship)



**When the music fades, all is
stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
that will bless Your heart.**



**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.**



**You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.**



**I'm coming back to the heart of
worship,
And it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing
I've made it,
When it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one
could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all
I have is Yours,
Every single breath.**



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Opening prayer

Almighty and merciful God, you
hate nothing that you have made,
And forgive the sins of all who are
penitent.

Create in us new and contrite
hearts, so that we may turn to you



and confess our sins.
We may receive your full and
perfect forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Confession

Let us confess our sins as we say
the words of Psalm 51.



**Have mercy on me, O God,
In your constant love;
In the fullness of your mercy
Blot out my offences.
Wash away all my guilt,
And cleanse me from my sin.
Create in me a clean heart,**



**And renew a right spirit within
me.**

**Give me the joy of your help
again and strengthen me with
a willing spirit.**



Assurance of pardon

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

He declares over you, “Your sins are forgiven.”



Be set free from the past which
has held you,
And walk confidently into the
future
which God has ordained for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Notices & sharing

- Lent Course starts Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm



Worship Through Giving



The Offertory

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Offertory song

- Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord



**Speak, O Lord, as we come to
You**

**To receive the food of Your
Holy Word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in
us;**

**Shape and fashion us in Your
likeness,**



**That the light of Christ might be
seen today**

**In our acts of love and our
deeds of faith.**

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us

**All Your purposes for Your
glory.**



**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our
attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.**



**Cause our faith to rise; cause
our eyes to see**

**Your majestic love and
authority.**

**Words of pow'r that can never
fail**

**Let their truth prevail over
unbelief.**



**Speak, O Lord, and renew our
minds**

**Help us grasp the heights of
Your plans for us**

**Truths unchanged from the
dawn of time**

**That will echo down through
eternity**



**And by grace we'll stand on
Your promises**

**And by faith we'll walk as You
walk with us**

**Speak, O Lord, till Your church
is built**

**And the earth is filled with Your
glory**



Offertory prayer

May God who is most generous, merciful and forgiving, pardon us from all our sins, give us time amend our lives, and give us the help of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Prayer for Sunday Club

Lord, giver of life and conqueror of death, we pray for the children here today, that they may come close to you and you would come close to them, in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Reading

Mark 1: 9 – 15

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection

Approaching the cross –
Open heaven



Prayers of intercession



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.**



Closing song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind



**Dear Lord and Father
of mankind**



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**Dear Lord and Father of
mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways
Re-clothe us in our
rightful mind;**



**In purer lives Thy service
find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
In deeper reverence, praise.**



**In simple trust like theirs
who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of
the Lord,**



**Let us, like them, without
a word**

Rise up and follow Thee.

Rise up and follow Thee.



**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to
share with Thee**



**The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!**



**Drop Thy still dews
of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the
strain and stress,**



**And let our ordered lives
confess**

The beauty of Thy peace.

The beauty of Thy peace.



**Breathe through the heats
of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm
Let sense be dumb, let
flesh retire;**



**Speak through the
earthquake, wind, and fire
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!**



Closing prayer & blessing

Lord, may we honour you in every way this Lent, and turn from all sin. Help us to walk in the truth that you love us. Help us to hear your words of acceptance and



delight over us. And when we are struggling, help us to continue to know your love; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**



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

