

WELCOME

GREETING *from Psalm 117*

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All Praise him, all you people!

Great is his love towards us!

All His faithfulness shall last for ever!

Praise the Lord!

All AmenHYMN **Great is thy faithfulness**

PRAYER

**All Heavenly Father,
we thank you for calling us
into the world-wide family of the Church
and for making us your children.
Help us to show our love and thanks to you
by our care and concern for one another.
So may we together reveal your love
and life to the world around us.
Amen**

CONFESSION

Let us confess that too often we take the easy way of the world,
rather than God's way and so have grieved his heart of love.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought and word and deed.**

**We are truly sorry for our pride,
our lack of faith and slowness to learn.**

**We repent of our narrow -mindedness,
and of our prejudices.**

**Please forgive us, and renew us,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

ABSOLUTION :

May God who sent his Son Jesus Christ
into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen

SONG **I am a new creation... here in the grace of God I stand**

NOT ONE OF US! ?

READING - EPISTLE Romans 11 : 1 – 2a & 28 - 36

This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

READING - GOSPEL Matthew 15 : 21 - 28

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All Thanks be to God.

SERMON “... *the reaching-out-ness of God!*”

HYMN **There's a wideness in God's mercy**

CREED

We declare our faith :

**There is one God and Father.
Heaven and earth are full of his glory.**

**There is one Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son.
He came to earth to share our life and save us.**

**There is one Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

INTERCESSIONS

Response Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray :
**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**

SONG **Over all the earth, You reign on high... Lord, reign in me!**

Offertory Prayer. Church news & notices

SONG **We seek your kingdom**

PRAYER

**All We thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and to serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING