

Order of Service

15th November 2020

10.00am



Worship led by Rev Dr AJ Groenewald
Music from Harry Thomson



**'Thank you' -
two simple, everyday words,
yet how hard to say.**

Welcome & Announcements

Good morning and welcome to our service of worship. Welcome to each one who is joining us from all over the world.

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship: (Psalm 106)

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn 807 Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Opening prayer and Lord's prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the
glory for ever. Amen.*

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Hymn 103 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine!

He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know;
Those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;
Love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children – praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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Reflection

Responding to God's word

while listening to 'Praise him on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp'

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Prayer of thanksgiving and dedication

Hymn 182 Now we thank you all our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

The one, eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.
Amen.

Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78

Blessing

This meditation reflects on how we, like the nine lepers who fail to return to thank Jesus in Luke 17.11-19, often find it hard to say thank you@Rootsontheweb.com:

'Thank you' -
two simple, everyday words,
yet how hard to say.
We are taught to use them from early childhood
but they don't get any easier.
Sometimes I'm too proud
to acknowledge my debt to the giver.
Sometimes I feel too ashamed
because I didn't make the first move.
Sometimes I behave as if it's my right
instead of recognising the generosity behind the gift.
If I had been one of those ten lepers,
how would I have reacted
to Jesus' instruction to go..? (Pause.)
How would I have reacted
when I realised I had been healed? (Pause.)
Generous, giving God,
open my eyes to see your generosity towards me
and give me the humility to accept your gifts with gratitude.