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Genesis 18:1-15

Prepare for the Word

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Glorify Him, all peoples!

**² For great is His faithful love to us;
the LORD's faithfulness endures forever.**

Hallelujah!

Psalm 117:1-2

Sing God's Word

O Lord, my God!

**O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
the power throughout the universe displayed;**

Chorus:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die—I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.**

Chorus:

Bridge:

How great, how great, how great thou art... (x4)

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!**

**Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'**

Chorus

Bridge:

How great, how great, how great thou art... (x4)

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Pray the Word (i)

Confession

¹⁰ ... as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, together they have become useless; there is no one who does good, there is not even one.

Romans 3:10-12

**Merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the desires and schemes of our own hearts,
and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who repent,
according to the promises declared to us
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen**

Assurance and Thanksgiving

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
His steadfast love endures forever!

Sing the Word

In his image

**From the dust of the ground we were formed:
you breathed life into us, we were born.
Man and woman you made us to be:
in your image we have dignity**

Chorus:

**In his image we have been made,
though we see shattered remains.**

**In his image, Jesus our Lord:
one day soon we'll be restored –
in his image.**

**Through one man there came darkness and strife.
Through one man there came sin's dreadful stain.
Through one man there came hope of new life.
Through one man we shall live again.**

Chorus

**Jesus came in the flesh to this world,
the exact, perfect picture of God.
Entered into the mess from the fall –
he was shattered that we might be whole.**

Chorus

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Hear the Word

Kids' talk...

Bible-readings... all readings are from the Christian Standard Bible

¹⁴ The LORD helps all who fall;

He raises up all who are oppressed.

¹⁵ All eyes look to You,

and You give them their food in due time.

¹⁶ You open Your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all His ways

and gracious in all His acts.

¹⁸ The LORD is near all who call out to Him,

all who call out to Him with integrity.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;

He hears their cry for help and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD guards all those who love Him,

but He destroys all the wicked.

²¹ My mouth will declare the LORD's praise;

let every living thing praise His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:14-21

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He did not even spare His own Son, but offered Him up for us all; how will He not also with Him grant us everything? ³³ Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the One who justifies. ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus

is the One who died, but even more, has been raised; He also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can

affliction or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶

As it is written: Because of You we are being put to death all day long; we are

counted as sheep to be slaughtered. ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than

victorious through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Romans 8:31-39

Sermon...

Then the LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day. ² He looked up, and he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground. ³ Then he said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, please do not go on past your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ I will bring a bit of bread so that you may strengthen yourselves. This is why you have passed your servant's way. Later, you can continue on." "Yes," they replied, "do as you have said." ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, "Quick! Knead three measures of fine flour and make bread." ⁷ Meanwhile, Abraham ran to the herd and got a tender, choice calf. He gave it to a young man, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ Then Abraham took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set *them* before the men. He served them as they ate under the tree. ⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he answered. ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will certainly come back to you in about a year's time, and your wife Sarah will have a son!" Now Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹² So she laughed to herself: "After I have become shriveled up and my lord is old, will I have delight?" ¹³ But the LORD asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Can I really have a baby when I'm old?' ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the appointed time I will come back to you, and in about a year she will have a son." ¹⁵ Sarah denied it. "I did not laugh," she said, because she was afraid. But He replied, "No, you did laugh."

Genesis 18:1-15

He wants you to be sure.

1. His promise is like a train
2. He drops in for tea
3. He wants Sarah to be sure
4. He wants you to be sure

Pray the Word (ii)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is 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 forever.
Amen.

General prayer...

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens.

Let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care.

And guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth.

Your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and truth.

That we may tell of your saving works.

Hear our prayers, O Lord.

For we put our trust in you.

General prayer...

Pray in line with the above couplets...

Affirm the Word

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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 life everlasting.

Amen.

Sing the Word

This life I live

This life I live is not my own,
for my Redeemer paid the price.

He took it to be his alone,

**to be his treasure and his prize.
The things of earth I leave behind
to live in worship of my King.
His is the right to rule my life,
mine is the joy to live for him.**

**I died to sin upon the cross—
I'm bound to Jesus in his death.
The old is gone, and now I must
rely on him for every breath.
With every footstep that I tread
what mysteries he has in store!
I cannot say what lies ahead
but know that he has gone before.**

**There is a voice that pierced the grave,
a power that rolled the stone away.
A sound of life, I know I'm saved:
the voice of God has called my name.
So I will rise, and in the air
behold the glory of the King.
I will not fear to meet him there:
I know my life is hid with him!**

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Go out in the Word

**Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your Spirit
and send us out with confidence in your Word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Pray through Psalm 74....

- Mon 16:** SRE (Bellata—Neil)
North Tamworth; Oxley Vale; Quirindi
- Tues 17:** Bible-study groups
Women's ministry (Tracey) and Playtime (Beth, Leigh, Hayley)
South Tamworth
- Wed 18:** Those in need... Charles and Annette Radford; Pete and
Ebonnie Whan; Nathaniel Cope; Syd Brown, and Della
Brown; Pam Kiss; Joan Williams; Kath Hamilton; Di and Neil
Magann
Walcha; North Kigezi
Mission: Wycliffe, and the Loves
- Thur 19:** SRE (West/Town—Margaret Baxter, Bernard,
Neil, Ros T, Julie, Leigh, Michelle, Susan, Rosanne)
Parish Council; Ministry Committee
Tambar Springs; Tingha
- Fri 20:** Youth Group—Neil, Bernard, Matt, Brent, Elizabeth, Jess McF
Men's Ministry—Graeme Rapp, Neil Hunt, Phil Firth
St John's Tamworth; Tenterfield
- Sat 21:** For the election of a new Bishop for the Armidale Diocese
Uralla; NEGS
- Sun 22:** For those harvesting – safety and thankfulness and dependence
St Mark's UNE; Walgett