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### What I love about Jesus is... he is God John 1:1-18

#### **Prepare for the Word**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens-- Jesus the Son of God-- let us hold fast to the confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.

#### ***Hebrews 4:14-16***

We have come together, as the church of God, to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, to encourage one another to hold fast to the hope he has given us, and to spur one another to love and good deeds...

#### **Sing God's Word** **Highest Place**

**Jesus Christ, in very nature God,  
did not grasp hold of his place on the throne;  
but took on the nature of a servant—  
made himself nothing, born as a man.  
Being found in appearance as a man,  
he was obedient to death on a cross.  
There he died— God the Son, our maker—  
a humble servant showing the way.**

Chorus:

**Therefore God exalted him  
to the highest place  
and gave him the Name  
above all names;  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth,**

**and every tongue confess  
that Jesus is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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### **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.**

### **Hearing God's Word**

**Gracious God,  
your word is alive and active,  
sharper than any double-edged sword.  
Today, when we hear your voice,  
deliver us from hardness of heart.  
Help us to put away everything that keeps us  
from persevering in your way,  
for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Kids' talk...**

### **Bible-readings**

**All readings are taken from the Christian Standard Bible**

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous ones;  
praise from the upright is beautiful.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with the lyre;  
make music to Him with a ten-stringed harp.

<sup>3</sup> Sing a new song to Him;  
play skillfully on the strings, with a joyful shout.

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is right,  
and all His work is trustworthy.

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the LORD's unfailing love.

<sup>6</sup> The heavens were made by the word of the LORD,  
and all the stars, by the breath of His mouth.

<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea into a heap;  
He puts the depths into storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> Let the whole earth tremble before the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

<sup>9</sup> For He spoke, and it came into being;  
He commanded, and it came into existence.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD frustrates the counsel of the nations;  
He thwarts the plans of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart from generation to generation.

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord—  
the people He has chosen to be His own possession!

<sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven;  
He observes everyone.

<sup>14</sup> He gazes on all the inhabitants of the earth from His dwelling place.

<sup>15</sup> He alone crafts their hearts;  
He considers all their works.

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by a large army;  
a warrior will not be delivered by great strength.

<sup>17</sup> The horse is a false hope for safety;  
it provides no escape by its great power.

<sup>18</sup> Now the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him—  
those who depend on His faithful love

<sup>19</sup> to deliver them from death  
and to keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup> We wait for the LORD;  
He is our help and shield.

<sup>21</sup> For our hearts rejoice in Him,  
because we trust in His holy name.

<sup>22</sup> May Your faithful love rest on us, LORD,  
for we put our hope in You.

### ***Psalm 33:1-22***

"Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> You know the way where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where You're going. How can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. <sup>7</sup> "If you know Me, you will also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

<sup>8</sup> "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?"

The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who lives in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.”

**John 14:1-11**

**Sermon**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup> Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man named John who was sent from God. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning Him and exclaimed, "This was the One of whom I said, 'The One coming after me has surpassed me, because He existed before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> Indeed, we have all received grace after grace from His fullness, <sup>17</sup> for although the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son-- the One who is at the Father's side-- He has revealed Him.

**John 1:1-18**

1. Intro – What is life for?
2. In the beginning was the Word...
3. ...and the Word was with God,
4. He was with God in the beginning.
5. ...and the Word was God.
6. So what?
  - a) If you know Jesus you know God.
  - b) If you know Jesus you have life

### **Pray the Word (i)**

#### **Confession**

... since there is no distinction. <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

***Romans 3:22-23***

**Heavenly Father,  
we praise you for adopting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life.  
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins  
and made us clean in your sight.  
Yet we still fail to love you  
and serve you as we should.  
Forgive us our sins  
and renew us by your grace,  
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,  
in whom alone is our salvation.  
Amen.**

#### **Assurance**

<sup>24</sup> They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. <sup>26</sup> He presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus.

***Romans 3:24-26***

### **Sing the Word**

#### **Jerusalem**

**See Him in Jerusalem  
walking where the crowds are.  
Once these streets had sung to Him:  
now they cry for murder!  
Such a frail and lonely Man  
holding up the heavy cross:  
see Him walking in Jerusalem,  
on the road to save us.**

**See Him there upon the hill,  
hear the scorn and laughter.  
Silent as a lamb He waits,  
praying to the Father.  
See the King who made the sun  
and the moon and shining stars  
let the soldiers hold and nail Him down  
so that He could save them.**

**See Him there upon the cross  
now no longer breathing.**

**Dust that formed the watching crowds  
takes the blood of Jesus.  
Feel the earth is shaking now,  
see the veil is split in two,  
and He stood before the wrath of God,  
shielding sinners with His blood.**

**See the empty tomb today:  
death could not contain Him!  
Once the Servant of the world  
now in vict'ry reigning!  
Lift your voices to the One  
who is seated on the throne:  
see Him in the New Jerusalem!  
Praise the One who saved us!**

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### **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...**

**Adore:** pray one point of adoration about God  
**Confess:** confess one way in which you seek to be God  
**Thanks:** thank God for one aspect of his kindness and justice  
**Supplication:** present one request before God

### **Sing the Word**

#### **And can it be?**

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused his pain?**

For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above –  
so free, so infinite his grace –  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray –  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free:  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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### **Go out in the Word**

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
let us be thankful, and so serve God in a way that is pleasing to him,  
with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.

**Amen.**

*Cf. Hebrews 12:28-29*

## **Pray through Psalm 80....**

- Mon 11:** SRE (Bellata)  
Anglicare; indigenous ministry
- Tues 12:** Bible-study groups  
Women's ministry (Tracey) and Playtime (Beth, Leigh, Hayley)  
Lightning Ridge; Manilla
- Wed 13:** Those in need... Pam Kiss; Joan Williams; Kath Hamilton  
Mission: Langmeads, BCA, Lightning Ridge  
Moree
- Thur 14:** SRE (West/Town—Margaret Baxter, Bernard,  
Neil, Ros T, Julie, Leigh, Michelle, Susan, Rosanne)  
Parish Council; Ministry Committee  
Mothers' Union; Nundle
- Fri 15:** Youth Group—Neil, Bernard, Matt, Elizabeth, Jess McF  
Men's Ministry—Graeme Rapp, Neil Hunt, Phil Firth  
Pray for those experiencing long-term unemployment  
Mungindi; Narrabri
- Sat 16:** Pray for Rod and Jenni Chiswell as they prepare to take on the  
role of Bishop of the Diocese.  
North Tamworth; Oxley Vale; Quirindi
- Sun 17:** For revival in our town  
South Tamworth