



Service Sheet

8th October 2023 10.30am, St Mary's

The Book of Romans

Salvation: What's so amazing about grace?

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

HYMN

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(x3)

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Worthy worthy worthy

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG

La la la...

Clap your hands, shout for joy,
God is here!

Clap your hands, shout for joy,
God is here!

Now is the time
to sing with all your heart.
Now is the time to celebrate our God.

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING:

Romans 3. 19-24, 4. 19-25

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who

raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 3. 16-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On
the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life
of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with
you. **And also with you**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down,
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth
and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many,

we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Please follow the directions of our sidesteam. Please return to your seat through the middle aisle.

*We take communion in both bread and wine. Please feel under no compulsion to receive the wine, though. **If you require a gluten-free wafer, please make this known to the minister distributing communion.***

If you'd like to receive a blessing, please keep you hands at your sides as you come forward.

If you'd like to receive Holy Communion seated in the pew, please let a member of our sidesteam know.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR ANTHEM: Ave Verum (Mozart)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

BLESSING

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

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Diary

MON 9th OCT The Well at St Mark's

WEDS 11th OCT

Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's.
Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

SUN 15th OCT

9am: Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am Destiny at St Mark's

10.30am: Sunday Service with baptism at St Mary's

Harvest Gifts

Thank you so much for the Harvest donations. The food items have been delivered to our local food bank and we collected just over £500 in supermarket vouchers which will support people in our local community.

We need you...!

Have you ever thought about helping during the Sunday service?

We are looking for more people to help in the following areas:

Welcome Team

Reading

Intercessions

Sound Desk

Online Chat Moderator

Full training will be given.

Please email or call the church office for more information.

Let's pray together...

- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression.
- For those who were confirmed on Sunday:Derek, George, Gillian, Kath, Liam, Marselle, Michele, Nick, Peter, Robert, Tim, Xander
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the families of Betty Mace and John Bennett.

St Mary's Festival - Thank you!

At St Mary's Festival we raised a **total of £3,711** for our Fabric Fund (this includes the secret auction of glasses, raising £646). Our treasurer Mike Stewart writes, "An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their time and energy. This financial result is so welcome and valuable. The Fabric Fund remains in a strong and healthy overall position."

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Join us tomorrow, Mon 9 October, at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Hall. Once a month we set aside time to let God speak to us and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to him. Just turn up.

Lantern Light Party at St Mary's

Tuesday, 31 October, 5-7pm

More information and sign-up:

www.denhamparish.church/lightparty



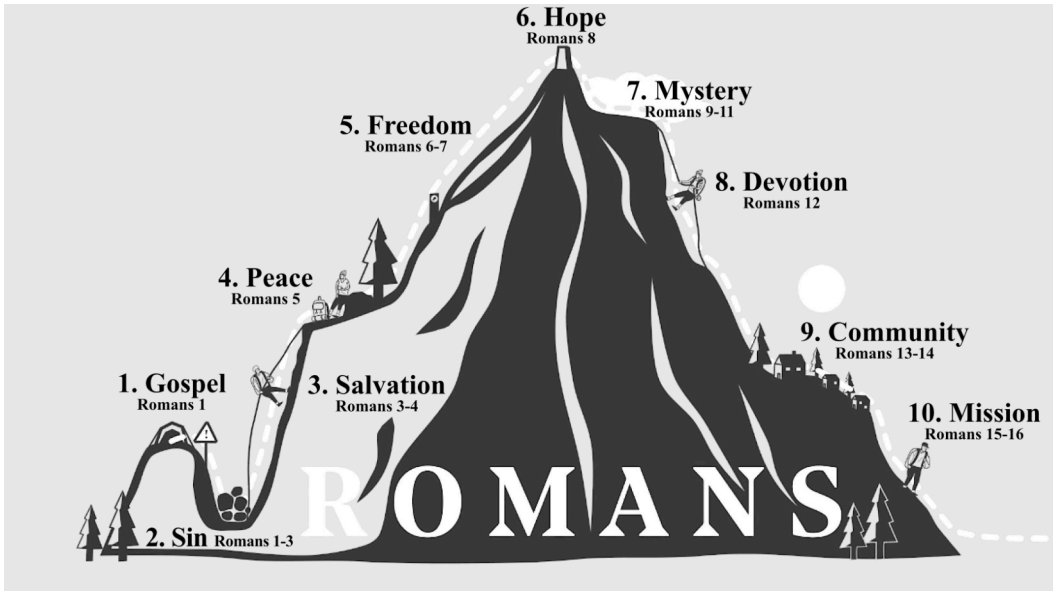
KEY VERSE FOR TODAY:

'All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.'

ROMANS 3:24

READING SUGGESTIONS:

What's So Amazing About Grace?
by Philip Yancey



Lord Jesus, we confess that we are a broken people. We confess that we easily justify our sinful and selfish actions and words. Forgive us for pretending to be better than we really are. Today we agree that we have fallen short and desperately need your grace. Thank you that we are not without hope, because you died for us on the cross, you paid the price for our wrong and you offer us all grace and freedom. You truly are the Saviour of all. We thank you for the gift of salvation in our lives.