

# Order of Service

*Song: Creation sings the Father's song*

*Prayer*

*Song: When I Survey*

Bible Reading: Luke 18:9-14 & Rom. 3:27-31

Kids Talk

*Sermon*

*Song: The Precious Blood*

- Please pray for Nepal. Earlier this year, following unrest, a new party only three years old was elected to power, with a 35 year-old Prime Minister. Paul's urging for prayer comes to mind: *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* - 1 Tim. 2:1-2.
- Every believer longs for God's praise to continue in the next generation:  
"Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation (Ps. 71:18)."

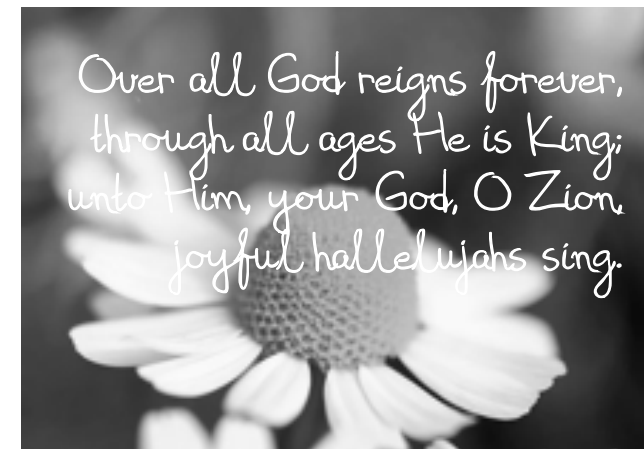
*And who am I that I should know  
This treasure of such worth  
My Savior's pure atoning blood  
Shed for the wrath I'd earned  
For sin has stained my every deed  
My every word and thought  
What wondrous love that makes me one  
Your priceless blood has bought.*

- From Valley of Vision, puritan prayers

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



**Sunday 10 May 2026**

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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## Notices

**Membership-** Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

**Baptism-** After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48).

**Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon**

### God's Word:

*May 10 – Romans 3:27-31 (pour contempt on my pride)*

*May 17 – Romans 4:1-12 (God declares right, wicked people)*

*May 24 – Romans 4:13-25 (faith counted as righteousness)*

|             | 10 May     | 17 May        | 24 May         |
|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Kids' Talk  | Graham     | Stuart        | Fiona          |
| Door        | Eamon      | Eric          | Cameron        |
| Morning Tea | Judy + Sue | Chris G + Sam | Helen + Beulah |

## Romans 3:27-31

### Pour contempt on all my pride

- Three pictures of salvation from verse 24-25: **Justification** (law-court); **redemption** (slavery); **the Mercy Seat** (temple).
- Verses 27 to 31 are drawing things to a logical conclusion (hence “then” in verse 27).

### Where, then, is boasting? (v.27)

- It is excluded.
- A surprising answer – *not* because the law says, “You have no grounds to boast”, but because faith says, “you have no grounds to boast.”
- **Faith excludes boasting, because it is inherently gracious.**

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God!*

### Is God the God of the Jews only? (v29)

- There is one God, and one means of salvation: through faith.
- Never could old Paul have said that! See Phil. 3:4-8

### But doesn't faith nullify God's law? (v.31)

- We are set free from believing that our obedience to the law will earn God's favour, but we uphold God's law.

*This, in turn, helps me see,  
God's law is good for the prisoner free!  
I long to follow and obey:  
To take up my cross – the narrow way.*

*God's law is now the track I need,  
but what will move the train with speed?  
The power to move the train along,  
is the gospel of grace to which I belong.*