

# Order of Service

*Song: The Precious Blood*

*Prayer*

*Song: By faith we see the hand of God*

Bible Reading: Genesis 15:1-6 & Rom. 4:1-12

Kids Talk

*Sermon*

*Song: Psalm 84*

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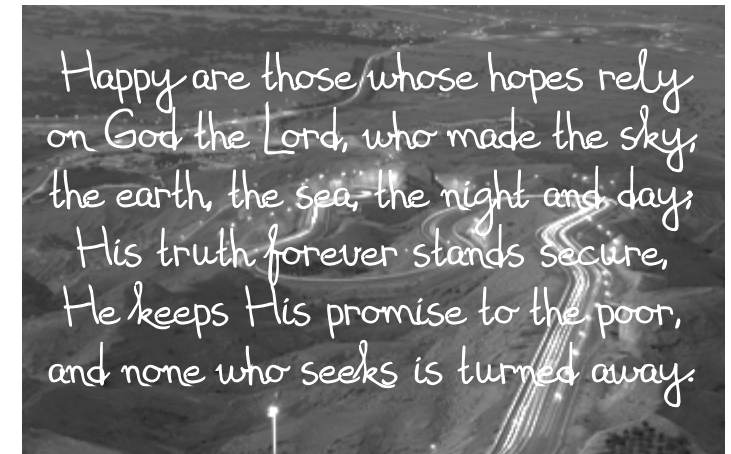
to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him

- *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Ps 118:28-29*
- "Indonesia is a nation of immense cultural and spiritual complexity. Spread across more than 17,000 islands, it is one of the most diverse and geographically fragmented countries on earth. It is home to more Muslims than any other nation—about 87% of the population— and yet it also reportedly contains one of Asia's largest Christian communities..." Please pray for the gospel of Christ to reach such a diverse range of communities.
- Please pray for Kings Kids, who are reading Ephesians this term. At Youth Group we are looking at God's hand over Esther (even though God is never mentioned in Esther!). Pray too, for Scripture at Walcha Central. Pray for parents.

*"If persecution is woven into the Church's identity, then the Church's response must be shaped not by fear, ideology or political instinct, but by Christ Himself.*

*The question is not simply how believers survive hostility, but how they embody Jesus within it."*



Happy are those whose hopes rely  
on God the Lord, who made the sky,  
the earth, the sea, the night and day;  
His truth forever stands secure,  
He keeps His promise to the poor,  
and none who seeks is turned away.

**Sunday 17 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**

**Gideons** – next week Mark Morowitz will join us representing Gideons. Please pray for Gideons as they offer New Testaments and Bibles to schools, hospitals, hotels etc. Probably for some of us, it was our first Bible and opportunity to read God’s Word.



**Fifth Sunday month**– this month there are five Sundays, and so on 31<sup>st</sup> May we will join with the Anglicans, at the Anglican Church at 9:30am to worship God.

### God’s Word:

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

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

*May 31 – Combined worship at Anglican Church, 9:30am*

	17 May	24 May	May 31
Kids’ Talk	Stuart	Fiona	At Anglican Church. 9:30am
Door	Eric	Cameron	
Morning Tea	Chris G + Sam	Helen + Beulah	

## Romans 4:1-12

### God declares right, wicked people

- Note, in 49 A.D., the Rome emperor, Claudius, expelled the Jews from Rome following an agitation involving “Chrestus”

(possibly a mis-spelling of Christ). Paul wrote Romans in 57 A.D. and probably they had been allowed to return.

Where, then, is boasting?

### Questions about Abraham (v.1-3)

- “What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter?”
- This is a live question. *The Book of Jubilees* (2nd century B.C.): “Abraham was perfect in all his deeds with the Lord, and well-pleasing in righteousness all the days of his life.”
- Basing his argument in Scripture: “If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

### Righteousness by faith is a gift, not a wage (v.4-5)

- Wages are earned, but grace is gifted!
- Through faith, God justifies the wicked – that is a shocking statement!

### David believed this same gospel (v.6-8)

- Note, Abraham lived before God gave His law at Sinai, whilst David after. Both looked forward to Christ.

### Proof in the life of Abraham (v.9-12)

- Abraham was justified before he was circumcised. There is approximately 14 years from when Abraham believed and when he received the sign of the promise.

A Christian, whether Jew or Gentile, belongs to Abraham’s family – and therefore, God’s promises of grace – by faith.