

# Order of Service

*Song: Behold our God*

*Prayer*

*Song: I heard the voice of Jesus*

Bible Reading: Exodus 25:10-22 & Rom. 3:21-26

Kids Talk

*Sermon*

*Song: Beneath the cross*

- From Sydney: *"We have been really encouraged by the number of young Muslims taking copies of the Bible from the book table. Please pray for them to read and believe."*
- Please pray for Bob and Lucy Quinn in Moree. They are involved in Bible studies, visiting people 'shut in' and other activities. May God bless them and those that they help, and are helped by.
- Please pray for those who are unwell or shut in at this time. Please remember them, and ask that the Lord will give them daily strength so that in difficulty they will grow in Him.
- "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God... Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."

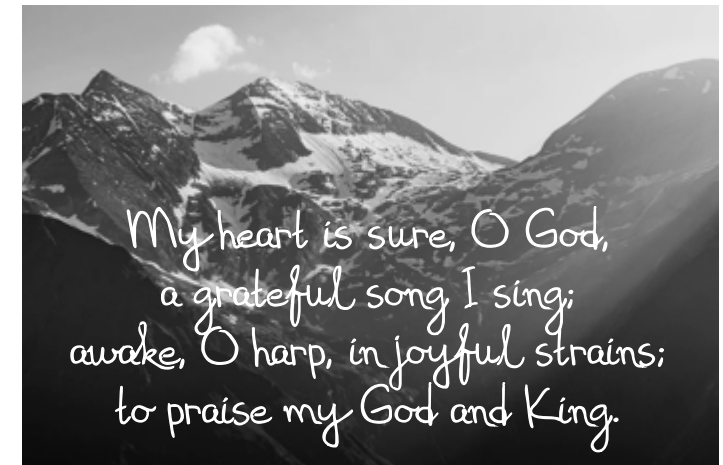
*I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and  
live.'*

*I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
and now I live in Him.*

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



**Sunday 3 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 3 – Romans 3:21-25 (the Mercy Seat)*

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

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

	3 May	10 May	17 May
Kids' Talk	Doug	Graham	Stuart
Door	Val	Eamon	Eric
Morning Tea	Edith + Lorna	Judy + Sue	Chris G + Sam

## Romans 3:21-26 The Mercy Seat

- Verse 25 – Christ Jesus is the “sacrifice of atonement (NIV)” or “propitiation (ESV)” – satisfying the holy wrath of God. It seems to be connected to the Mercy Seat in the tabernacle. Christ Jesus is the place of satisfaction for His own justice.



**There is a real problem here:** we are under sin (v.9). How can we be freed? How too, can God be fair/just and forgive sinners without violating His justice.

### We are under sin, “but now...” (v.21)

- “A righteousness from God has been made known to us.”
- This way of being right with God was always there in the Old Testament – e.g. the promises of the new covenant (Jer.31:31-34).
- Notice, in v.19 every mouth is silenced before God, but in our silence, a way of hope is told to us: the righteousness of God.

### Faith is the way that we receive God’s righteousness (v.22)

- *Faith itself doesn’t save, because faith cannot atone for sin. But faith is the way that we receive God’s righteousness that we need.*  
**“Jesus, and all in Him, is mine.”**

### Justified freely by His grace (v.23-24)

- Redemption is a ‘cost’ word. Freedom is purchased.
- Who was our redemption price paid to? The devil? No! God, through His Son pays the price that His own justice demands in order to be fair.

### God is both just, and the one who justifies sinners through faith in Jesus (v.25-26)

- God must be true to His character. If God was not fair then heaven is a false hope.

*Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I gladly take my stand ...  
O sacred place where heaven's love,  
and heaven's justice meet...*