

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FAREHAM**



# **A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

**FOR**

**40 YEAR'S OF GOD'S BLESSING**

**1975–2015**

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand*

### Opening hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en; To His feet thy trib - ute bring.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who like me His praise should sing?



Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.

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| <p>2. Praise Him for His grace and favour<br/>To our fathers in distress.<br/>Praise Him still the same for ever,<br/>Slow to chide, and swift to bless.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Glorious in His faithfulness.</p> | <p>4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,<br/>Blows the wind and it is gone;<br/>But while mortals rise and perish<br/>God endures unchanging on.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise the high eternal One!</p> |
| <p>3. Father-like He tends and spares us;<br/>Well our feeble frame He knows.<br/>In His hands He gently bears us,<br/>Rescues us from all our foes.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Widely as His mercy flows.</p>        | <p>5. Angels, help us to adore Him;<br/>Ye behold Him face to face;<br/>Sun and moon, bow down before Him,<br/>Dwellers all in time and space.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise with us the God of grace.</p>  |

*Text: Henry F. Lyte (1793–1847); Music: John Goss (1800–80)*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## PSALMODY

**P** Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**G** for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

*Ps. 115:1*

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made,

**G** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Ps. 118:24*

**P** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house

**G** and the place where your glory dwells.

*Ps. 28:6*

### Psalm 84 (antiphon: Ps. 28:6)



**G** How lovely is your | dwelling | place,\*

O | Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord;\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may | lay her young,\*  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

Blessèd are those whose strength | is in you,\*  
in whose heart are the high ways to | Zion.

As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a | place of springs,\*  
the early rain also covers | it with pools.

They go from | strength to strength;\*  
each one appears before God in | Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Behold our | shield, O God;\*  
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.\*  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in  
the tents of | wickedness.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour  
and | honour.\***

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.**

**O | Lord of hosts,\***

**blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Please sit*

## READINGS

### **First Reading: I Kings 8:22–30**

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup> and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; <sup>24</sup> you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ <sup>26</sup> Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

<sup>27</sup> “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup> Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, <sup>29</sup> that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>30</sup> And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1–5**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Third Reading: Luke 19:1–10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the † life everlasting. Amen.

*Please sit*

### Hymn: The Church's One Foundation



1. The Church's one foundation is Je-sus Christ her Lord; She is His new cre-



a - tion By wa-ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To



be His ho-ly bride; With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

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| <p>2. She is from every nation,<br/>       Yet one o'er all the earth,<br/>       Her charter of salvation:<br/>       One Lord, one faith, one birth.<br/>       One holy name she blesses,<br/>       Partakes one holy food,<br/>       And to one hope she presses,<br/>       With ev'ry grace endued.</p> <p>3. The Church shall never perish!<br/>       Her dear Lord to defend,<br/>       To guide, sustain, and cherish,<br/>       Is with her to the end:<br/>       Though there be those who hate her,<br/>       And false sons in her pale,<br/>       Against or foe or traitor<br/>       She ever shall prevail.</p> | <p>4. Though with a scornful wonder<br/>       The world sees her oppressed,<br/>       By schisms rent asunder,<br/>       By heresies distressed,<br/>       Yet saints their watch are keeping;<br/>       Their cry goes up, "How long?"<br/>       And soon the night of weeping<br/>       Shall be the morn of song.</p> <p>5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,<br/>       And tumult of her war,<br/>       She waits the consummation<br/>       Of peace forevermore;<br/>       Till, with the vision glorious,<br/>       Her longing eyes are blest,<br/>       And the great Church victorious<br/>       Shall be the Church at rest.</p> |
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6. Yet she on earth hath union  
 With God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won,  
 With all her sons and daughters  
 Who, by the Master's Hand  
 Led through the deathly waters,  
 Repose in Eden land.

7. O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we  
 Like them, the meek and lowly,  
 On high may dwell with Thee:  
 There, past the border mountains,  
 Where in sweet vales the Bride  
 With Thee by living fountains  
 Forever shall abide!

*Text: Samuel Stone (1839–1900; Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810–76)*

**Sermon**

*Rev. Jon Ehlers, Chairman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England*

**Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*There will be a collection in aid of CedarOak Crisis Pregnancy Centre during the hymn*

1. "Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with  
 Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not As Thou hast  
 been Thou for - ev-er wilt be. "Great is Thy faith-fulness!" "Great is Thy  
 faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy  
 hand hath pro - vid-ed— "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness," Lord, un-to me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Text: Thomas A. Chisholm (1866–1960); Music: William M. Runyan (1870–1957)*  
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*Please stand*

### **Prayers**

**P** Lord, have mercy!

**C** **Christ, have mercy!**

**Lord, have mercy!**

**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  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

*The prayers conclude with the following collect:*

Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this family of faith and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us in Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

## **G** Thanks be to God!

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voic - es, Who



won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re - joic - es; Who



from our moth - er's arms Hath blessed us on our way With



count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

2. O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Supreme in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

*Text: Martin Rinckart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)*

*Music: Johann Crüger (1598–1662)*



Please join us for a light lunch reception after the service

## **Services, Activities and Events at Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

### *Every Sunday*

10:30 am— Holy Communion, with children's Sunday School  
(held at 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham Scout Hall)

### *Every Wednesday (except during Advent)*

7.30 pm—Bible study  
(65 Furzehall Avenue, Fareham, PO16 8UD)

### *First Saturday of each month*

5:30 pm—Saturday Supper: an evening of food & friendship  
(held at 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham Scout Hall)

### *1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month*

6 pm—Youth Club for children in Year 5 and over: Bible teaching,  
music and games (ask Pr. Simojoki for further details)

## **Advent and Christmas at Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

### *Advent Vespers*—Theme: The Songs of Christmas

7 pm every Wednesday in December before Christmas  
At St. Francis Church, Funtley

### *Christmas Eve*

11 pm Midnight Mass  
At 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham Scout Hall

### *Christmas Day*

10 am Holy Communion  
at 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham Scout Hall

### *Sunday after Christmas (Feast of St. John)*

10 am Holy Communion  
at 10<sup>th</sup> Fareham Scout Hall

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