



Welcome to our service of worship

Sunday 25 January 2026, 10am

**Tough love in Luke's Gospel:
The shrewd manager**

Welcome

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

The Lord our God, the Almighty,
reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.**

Song: Over all the earth (1101)

¹Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that you'd reign in me again.

²Over every thought,
Over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of
my Lord;

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Lord, reign in me,
Reign in your power;
Over all my dreams,
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again?*

'Cause you mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't you reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me... (repeat)

*Won't you reign in me again,
Won't you reign in me again.*

(Brenton Brown)

Song: I will worship (991)

¹*Men: I will worship (Women: I will worship)*

With all of my heart (with all of my heart),

I will praise you (I will praise you)

With all of my strength (all my strength).

I will seek you (I will seek you)

All of my days (all of my days),

I will follow (I will follow)

All of your ways (all your ways).

I will give you all my worship,

I will give you all my praise.

You alone I long to worship,

You alone are worthy of my praise.

²*I will bow down (I will bow down),
Hail you as King (hail you as King),
I will serve you (I will serve you),
Give you everything (give you everything).*

I will lift up (I will lift up)

My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne),

I will trust you (I will trust you),

I will trust you alone (trust you alone).

Chorus.

(David Ruis)

Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of heaven (560)

¹*Praise my soul, the King of heaven;*

To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like thee his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

²*Praise him for his grace and favour*

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

³Father-like, he tends and spares
us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

⁴Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before
him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

(Henry Francis Lyte)

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.

Absolution

Collect – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Prayer for Sonlight and Mega

Mission update – The Bible Society

Song: Give thanks with a grateful heart (170)

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am
strong,'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has
done for us.
(Repeat)

(Henry Smith)

Readings

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honour come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.

¹⁶ “LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

¹⁸ “LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. ¹⁹ And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.”

²⁰ Then David said to the whole assembly, “Praise the LORD your God.” So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the LORD and the king.

Luke 16:1-12

¹ Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

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

Sermon

Song: I will offer up my life (990)

¹I will offer up my life
In spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love
As my worship to you.

In surrender I must give my every
part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
Of a broken heart.

Chorus:

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I
bring*

*To so faithful a friend, to so loving
a King?*

*Saviour, what can be said, what
can be sung*

As a praise of your name

For the things you have done?

*Oh, my words could not tell, not
even in part,*

*Of the debt of love that is owed by
this thankful heart.*

²You deserve my every breath
For you've paid the great cost;
Giving up your life to death,
Even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
There defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heaven,
And have beckoned me in.

Chorus.

(Matt Redman)

Thanksgiving for our offering

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

Intercessions

The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Hymn: O for a thousand tongues to sing (496)

¹O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

²Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

³He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

⁴He speaks and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

⁵Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

⁶My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.

(Charles Wesley)

Blessing

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