

# "Enough and more"

Sunday 30 January 2022

## Welcome & Introduction

### Opening Responsive Prayer

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

**For with you is the fountain of life;**

**in your light we see light.**

### Song: Praise to the Lord

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**

**Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!**

**Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.**

Reading: 1 Kings 17:7-16

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Reading: John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.

He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside<sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## Reflective Meditation – Sarah

Song: I heard the voice of Jesus

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one,  
lay down your head upon my breast.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**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.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto Me, the dawn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.'**  
**I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.**

Film: "A Celebration of Grace" (First 2 minutes here:  
<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/a-celebration-of-grace>)

You take the mundane  
The ordinary  
And turn it to something  
Beautiful and new  
You cradle our doubts and fears,  
And bring calm to the storm  
You rejoice with us in our celebrations  
And intoxicate us with your Spirit  
You are present in our grief  
You are present in our pain,  
You traverse the dark and difficult roads ahead of us

You bury the dead  
And bring all things to life  
You take the thirsty,  
The hungry,  
The abandoned,  
And You quench the thirsty  
You face the cliff's edge with us  
And build a way,  
A path,  
A bridge  
You are present in the quiet;  
You are the place for our tired soul  
You are  
Love upon love,  
Grace upon grace

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### Thankfulness Creed

God of all blessings,  
source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath  
that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty  
that the eye can see,  
for the joy  
that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families  
who nurture our becoming,  
for friends  
who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,

who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers  
who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children  
who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn,  
who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life  
and one more day to love,  
for opportunity  
and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbours  
and one more person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace  
and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise:  
to be with us,  
to be our God,  
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***Vienna Cobb Anderson***

[Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)

[Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom](#)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age?  
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the

strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.

Exploring SHAME – Rachel

Song Video: "Making all things new", Gungor -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Is6weMrenls>

Shame response: Confession

**In your light, we see light - remove our guilt,  
Lord and set us afresh on the courageous road of Love. Amen.**

Response: Yearnings

**We bring our yearnings, Lord  
Of heart and soul and mind -  
To see the patterns you inspire  
Restored to humankind.**

**We yearn to see a time  
When war and conflicts cease,  
When turmoil fuelled by race or creed  
Is overcome by peace.**

**We yearn to know a world  
Where seeds of justice flower,  
Where burdens made by human greed  
No longer wield their power.**

**We yearn to find the ground  
Where none need stand alone,  
Where all are welcomed, valued, loved  
And know they've reached their home.**

**We yearn to feel as one  
With all who call your name  
To breach the walls that separate  
And end division's pain.**

**Lord, take and use our lives,  
We offer them for this -  
That through our yearnings and your power  
The earth will know heav'n's bliss.**

## Silence

### Franciscan Benediction

**May God bless us with discomfort**

**At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships**

**So that we may live deep within our hearts.**

**May God bless us with anger**

**At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,**

**So that we may work with all peoples for justice, freedom and peace.**

**May God bless us with tears**

**To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, shame, hunger and war,**

**So that we may empathise with their pain; journey with them in their grief**

**And support each other to find comfort and joy in Christ.**

**May God bless us with enough foolishness**

**To follow the way of Jesus -**

**The way of gratitude for the ordinary;**

**Simplicity in living;**

**Forgiveness in the face of hate and violence;**

**Extravagant love to cover shame;**

**Working for every living thing to belong.**

**And may God bless us with the vision that,**

**whatever the circumstances around us and within us,**

**We will have enough and more than enough.**

**Amen.**

"Enough and more" – closing music