The Lord of the Harvest Sends Out Workers

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us in gathered worship today! At Covenant, we believe that true hope, joy, meaning, and redemption is found in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we hope that you will be moved towards greater love for Jesus and one another as we pause to praise, pray, and ponder under God's Word.

The emphasis throughout our Sunday service is that worship is all about God. We gather to worship Him. Our gathered worship is that it is foundationally and fundamentally about God. In our service, we will: worship our Heavenly Father for his miraculous deeds, bear witness to Jesus Christ the Son and the hope he brings through his death and resurrection, be moved to engage with the mission of God through the power of the Holy Spirit as we wait for the return of Christ. All of these activities of worshipping, witnessing, and waiting will be shaped and formed by God's divine revelation as it is given to us in Holy Scripture.

Our understanding of Scripture, God's divine action, and theology will shape the flow of our service. Therefore, our worship service is "liturgical" and what you hold before you is our weekly liturgical document. Originating from Greek, this word means, "work of the people". This means our service is both corporate and communal in nature. We are not individual consumers of a product, but join others in community to participate together in engaging with God. At different points in the service, there will be opportunities to join the liturgy, and we encourage you to enthusiastically participate in these corporate moments of response.

We hope your time with us serves to encourage and fill you with hope and joy.

Call to Worship

> The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.
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> Psalm 93:1-2

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Lord, you are a God who is ready to forgive and of infinite kindness, remove from us all needless and destructive anger. Grant to us a meek, gentle, humble and peaceable spirit that, mindful of our own weakness, we may with greater patience bear with the weaknesses of other; and thinking of ourselves with sober judgement, we may not be provoked when others think poorly of us.

So may we be Christlike in character: patient towards all; easily won over to forgive the wrongs of others;
not keeping a record of wrongs, or holding the sins of others against them; that you Lord God may so be gracious toward us.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.
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> Titus 2:11

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Weekly Catechism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 13

Q: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A: Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

Community News

Covenant Session summary reports

Covenant Session summary reports are available for meetings up to 22 June 2025. Please use this link to access: https://www.covenantchurch.com.au/aka/sessionsummary

Important Dates

July 18-20	**Covenant elders' retreat** Hunter Valley
July 27	**Covenant prayer corner** 8am @ Christ College
	Covenant Session meeting 2pm @ Christ College
	Church BBQ Location TBD

Bible Reading

1. Matthew 9:35-38 NIV

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

The Lord of the Harvest Sends Out Workers

Matthew 9:35-38

Daniel Shih

Jesus' mission

Jesus' motivation

Jesus' mandate

Songs in Response

Lord's Prayer

I believe in God the Father Almighty
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic [universal] Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen

Benediction

> Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
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> `Hebrews 13:20-21`

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