

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

**SONG:** No Other Name

## CHILDREN'S TALK

## CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our neighbour,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through negligence, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life  
To the glory of your name. Amen.  
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## NOTICES

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

## INTERVIEW

**SONG:** Rescuer

**SONG:** Show Us Christ

**READING:** Luke 11:14-26 (pg. 869)

## SERMON

## PRAYERS

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

**SONG:** Behold Him

## BLESSING



# Welcome!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

*Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!  
For I tell you that many prophets and  
kings desired to see what you see,  
and did not see it,  
and to hear what you hear,  
and did not hear it.”*

*Luke 10:23b-24 (ESV)*

# Luke 11:14-36

<sup>14</sup> Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marvelled. <sup>15</sup> But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons”, <sup>16</sup> while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’” <sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup> As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup> But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

<sup>29</sup> When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup> For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgement with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

<sup>33</sup> “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup> Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup> Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. <sup>36</sup> If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

**“Surely so many people can’t be wrong...”**

## **1. For those opposed...be logical!**

Jesus is clearly on the side of good and will conquer evil so opposing Him is crazy

## **2. For those delaying...be humble!**

Jesus brings the definitive revelation of God

so refusing to repent will bring judgment

and if we can’t see, the problem is with us

## **3. For those marvelling...be joyful!**

Following Jesus brings amazing blessing

### **Discussion Starters:**

Do you ever worry that if Jesus’ claims were real, then surely more people would believe?

How does Jesus’ teaching in this passage help to give you confidence in Him?