

Record of Orders of Service for the Month of
January 2021

(recorded progressively after each Sunday)

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The Westminster Confession of Faith

32 – The Intermediate State and the Resurrection

The Intermediate State

1. After death people's bodies decompose, and experience decay.¹ But their persons immediately return to God who gave them,² since they possess immortal existence, neither dying nor sleeping.

The persons of the righteous, being then perfected in holiness, are received immediately into the highest heaven, where they gaze on the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the complete redemption of their bodies.³

But the persons of the wicked are thrown into hell, where they remain in torments and complete darkness, being kept alive for the judgement of the great Day.⁴

The Scripture recognises no other places than these two, for persons separated from their bodies.

[¹Gen3:19, Acts 13:36. ²Luke 23:43, Eccles 12:7. ³Heb 12:23, 2 Cor 5:1, 6, 8, Phil 1:23 & Acts 3:21 & Eph 4:10. ⁴Luke 16:23-24, Acts 1:25, Jude 6-7, 1 Pet 3:19.]

The General Resurrection

2. Those who are found to be alive at the last Day will not die but be changed.¹ All those who have died will be raised up with the very same bodies and no others, although with different qualities, to be reunited to their persons.²

[¹1 Thes 4:17, 1Cor 15:51-52. ²Job 19:26-27, 1 Cor 15:42-44.]

The Resurrection Body

3. The bodies of the unjust will be raised to dishonour by the power of Christ; the bodies of the just will be raised to honour, and be transformed to be like His own body in glory, by His Spirit.¹

[¹Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29, 1 Cor 15:43, Phil 3:21.]

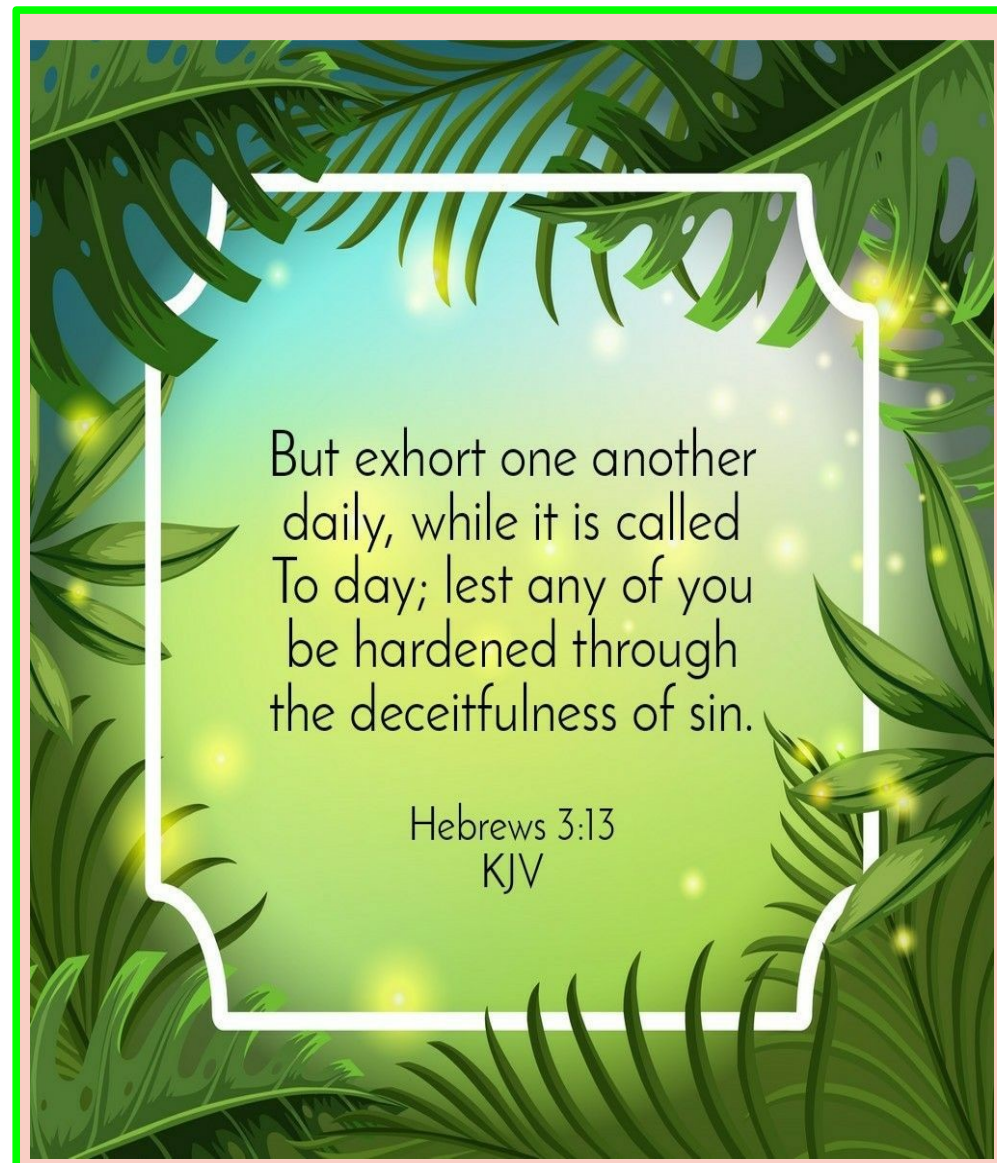
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Order of Worship
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BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 3rd January, AD 2021.



Welcome & Notices:

A moment of reflection before the start of the Service:

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and gathered in His Name to worship Him. (repeat)
We have come into His house,
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So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (repeat)
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worship Him Christ the Lord.

The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 42:1,2,11)

¹ *As the deer pants for streams of water,*

so my soul pants for you, O God.

² ***My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.***

When can I go and meet with God?

¹¹ ***Why are you downcast, O my soul?***

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

***or I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God.***

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise **As Longs the Deer**

REJOICE! 545 (Psalm 42:1-2, 6-8, 11)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Psalm 42** (ESV)

NT Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-18(ESV)**

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

Sermon: **The Christian Life – Now and In the Future – Part 2**

Hymn:

Great God, What Do I See and Hear

REJOICE! 259 (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up)

REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **Forever With the Lord**

REJOICE! 604(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty,
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both now and forever. Amen.

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10: Effective Calling



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Sunday 10th January, AD 2021.

What Is Effective Calling?

10.1 All those and only those whom God has appointed beforehand for life, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, to call effectively¹ by His word and Spirit,² out of that state of sin and death in which they are naturally, to grace and salvation through Jesus Christ³ by –

- enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God⁴
- taking away their hard heart and giving them a soft heart⁵
- renewing their wills, and by His almighty power, constraining them to what is good⁶
- effectively drawing them to Jesus Christ,⁷ yet in such a way that they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.⁸

[¹Rom 8:30; 17:7, Eph 1:10-11. ²2 Thes 2:13-14, 2 Cor 3:3, 6. ³Rom 8:2, Eph 2:1-5, 2 Tim 1:9-10. ⁴Acts 26:18, 1 Cor 2:10, 12, Eph 1:17-18. ⁵Ezek 36:26. ⁶Ezek 11:19, Phil 2:13, Deut 30:6, Ezek 36:27. ⁷Eph 1:19, John 6:44-45. ⁸Songs 1:4, Psa 110:3, John 6:37, Rom 6:16-18.]

Wholly Gracious

10.2 This effective call is a result of God's free and special grace only, not from anything at all foreseen in the human person,¹ who is altogether passive therein, until made alive and renewed by the Holy Spirit.² They are in this way empowered to answer this call, and to receive the grace offered and conveyed by it,³ and that by no less power than that which raised up Christ from the dead.⁴

[¹2 Tim 1:9, Tit 3:4-5, Eph 2:4-5, 8-9, Rom 9:11. ²1 Cor 2:14, Rom 8:7, Eph 2:5. ³John 6:37, Ezek 36:27, John 5:25. ⁴Eph 1:19-20.]

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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 115:1-3)

To Your Name Give Glory

¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say,

“Where is their God?”

³ Our God is in the heavens;

he does all that he pleases.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heav'n

REJOICE! 52 (Psalm 115:1-3, 9-14, 18)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Psalm 115:1-7** (ESV)

NT Reading: **Ephesians Chapter 1** (ESV)

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

Sermon: **Irresistible Grace**

Hymn:

Nothing Is Mine But What I Received

REJOICE! 381 (Ephesians 1:6)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

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b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up)

REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn:

Come. O Fount of Every Blessing

REJOICE! 382 (1 Peter 5:10)

Sending:

Blessing:

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
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10: Effective Calling

Spiritual Rebirth without Calling

10.3 Chosen children who die in childhood,¹ are reborn and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who works when, where and how He pleases;² in the same way are all other chosen people who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the word.³

[¹Luke 18:15-16 & Acts 2:38-39 & John 3:3, 5 & 1John 5:12 & Rom 8:9. ²John 3:8. ³1 John 5:12, Acts 4:12.]

Indispensable for Salvation

10.4 Other people, although not chosen, may be called by the ministry of the word,¹ and may experience some general influences of the Spirit,² yet never truly come to Christ, and so cannot be saved.³ Much less can people not professing the christian religion be saved in any other way whatever, however diligent they may be in ordering their lives in accordance with the light of nature and the law of that religion they profess.⁴ To assert and maintain that they may is very dangerous and detestable.⁵

[¹Matt 22:14. ²Matt 7:22; 13:20-21, Heb 6:4-5. ³John 6:64-66; 8:24. ⁴Acts 4:12, John 14:6, Eph 2:12, John 4:22; 17:3. ⁵2 John 9-11, 1 Cor 16:22, Gal 1:6-8.]

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Effectual Calling

Quotes By Charles Spurgeon

"God does not save an unwilling man, but he makes him willing in the day of his power." - Charles Spurgeon

"Ask any man whether he is a Christian against his will, and he will tell you certainly not, for he loves the Lord, and delights in his law after the inward man. Thy people are not led unwillingly to thee in chains, O Jesus, but thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. We willingly choose Christ, because he has from of old chosen us." - Charles Spurgeon

"Beloved, man has power to resist the ordinary motions of the Spirit; but when the Holy Ghost comes to effectual work, and puts forth his mighty power, who shall stay his hand, or say unto him, 'What doest thou?'"
- Charles Spurgeon

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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Isaiah's Commission

In the year that King Uzziah died, And they were calling to one another:

**"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."**

At the sound of their voices

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

God Himself Is Present

REJOICE! 330 (Habakkuk 2:20)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Isaiah 6:1-8** (ESV)

NT Reading: **John 11:30-44** (ESV)

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

Sermon: Irresistible Grace – Part 2

Hymn:

How Vast the Benefits Divine

REJOICE! 95 (Ephesians 1:4)

Responding to the Word from God

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REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer:

(All stand)

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **God, We Praise You! God, We Bless You!**

REJOICE! 96 (Isaiah 63:7)

Sending:

Blessing:

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able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty,
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17: PERSEVERANCE



Order of Worship
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Sunday 24th January, AD 2021.

The Certainty of Persevering

17:1 Those whom God has accepted in His Beloved, effectively called and consecrated by His Spirit, can neither totally or finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly continue in it to the end, and be saved forever.

[Phil 1:6, 2 Pet 1:10, John 10:28-29, 1 John 3:9, 1 Pet 1:5, 9.]

The Grounds of Perseverance

17:2 This continuation of the saints does not depend on their own free will, but on –

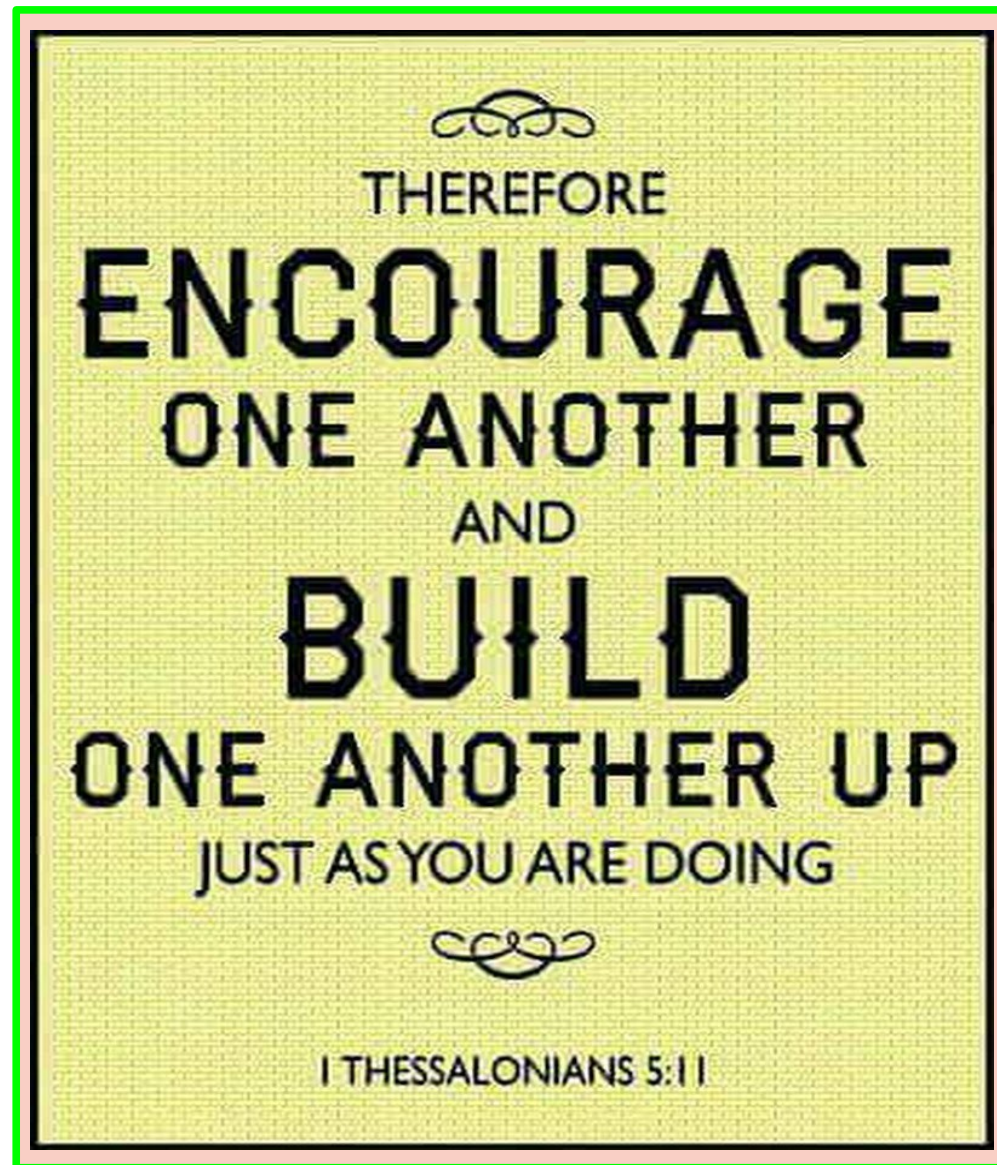
- the decision of election being unchangeable, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father¹
- the effectiveness of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ²
- the Spirit and the life of God remaining within them³
- the nature of the covenant of grace.⁴

From all of these arise its certainty and infallibility.⁵

[¹2 Tim 2:18-19, Jer 31:3 ²Heb 10:10, 14; 13:20-21; 9:12-15, Rom 8:33-39, John 17:11, 24, Luke 22:32, Heb 7:25. ³John 14:16-17, 1 John 2:27; 3:9. ⁴Jer 32:40. ⁵John 10:28, 2 Thes 3:3, 1 John 2:19.]

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The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Rev 7:9,10,15-17)

There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes, nations and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

They worship God day and night and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration:

A Hymn of praise

Lord of Creation to You Be All Praise

REJOICE! 534 (Revelation 7:12)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. .

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Malachi 4:1-6** (ESV)

NT Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-28** (ESV)

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

Sermon: **Parting Words**

Hymn: **As Sons Of the Day and Daughters of Light**
REJOICE! 313 (1 Thessalonians 5:8)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

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b) The Offering:

Invitation:

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REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn:

O Saviour, Where Shall Guilty Man

REJOICE! 212 (1 Thessalonians 5:10)

Sending:

Blessing:

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able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty,
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