

Order of Service 9th February 2025

Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 16:23-25) / **Opening prayer** (John A)

Praise: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Bible Reading: Acts 4:1-12 (Callum H)

Announcements (John A)

- Welcome Mathys family
- Explain more about Selection Committee
- Evening Service (23rd) - Pray for selection committee, community groups, plans for the year etc.
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Sunday School (Mook L)

Praise: *Across the Lands*

Prayer for the church and the world (ML)

Bible reading: Hebrews 1 (John A)

Praise: *O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer*

Sermon: “JESUS: SUPERIOR TO ANGELS” (Mook L)

Praise: *You Alone Can Rescue*

Benediction (ML)

Sermon Outline

“JESUS: SUPERIOR TO ANGELS” (Hebrews 1:4-14)

Introduction

1. Why are angels addressed?
2. Jesus' Supreme Divinity and Sovereignty
3. Jesus our only Mediator

Conclusion

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[23] Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

[24] Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

[25] For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Let us pray...

O Lord our God, we give You thanks, today and every day, for Your greatness, Your mercy and love in saving us to be Your people in Ashburton.

We are gathered here to proclaim Your salvation, to declare Your glory and to recount Your marvellous deeds.

We pray that by the Presence of Your Holy Spirit, all that we do and say would bless and honour You, for You are indeed worthy of all our praise.

This morning we do sing and speak among ourselves, but we pray for boldness to continue when we go about our normal week of work, study, shopping, or recreation, so that all the earth may eventually know Your salvation and recognise Your glory.

In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen.

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For any who were not able to make it last week for the service and to the congregational meeting, I want to announce the result which was that we resolved to set up a Selection Committee to search for a new minister, of God's choosing, to serve here. We then resolved that the members of the Committee were to be:

Mook and myself as elders

Pam Wade

Callum Haughey

Gaye McKenzie

Nathan Oakes

Will Jung (our newest member of the congregation).

These are your representatives who, with Douglas Milne our Moderator, will conduct the search. The first thing they will be praying about and doing is establishing the key qualifications that person will need to have, beginning with what is written in 1st Timothy 3, and then adding further factors relevant to the our particular situation here.

We plan to meet as necessary on Sundays when Douglas is scheduled to be with us, to consider the names of potential ministers, to invite some, one or more, to preach and meet the Committee. As we and they are guided by the Lord, we hope to arrive at a couple of possible men who could come and size us up as a congregation, and consider if God is calling them to join this work.

While we are doing this on your behalf, we want to hear feedback from you as you pray for this process, to learn what kind of spiritual leader you believe God wants to come and lead the work here.

So please pray for the Committee and pray for God to lead us all as we search.