

Worthy Of Our Praise

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The Lord has done many wonderful things (Psalm 111:2)

Here's a thought. If you were to set about writing a list of the things for which you are thankful, where would you start? Where would it end?

Would it be to follow the chronology of your life? Perhaps start with the gift of life that began as the Lord knitted you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139). Moving on to that moment when the Lord adopted you into his family through the gift of holy baptism (Matthew 28)?

Or what about when you stood before the Lord, family and friends gathered around and made your vows to your life partner? 'That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh' (Genesis 2:24).

And then, if blessed with children, when you held your first child in your arms and marvelled at the amazing creativity of God – 'Look, she even has your nose!'

Or maybe there is that ever-recurring time when you stand penitent before the Lord, confessing your sin, asking for mercy. Then, to hear those words from the Lord: 'I forgive you all your sin'. 'Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord' (Romans 7:25).

Or to hear the Lord saying in the liturgy of Holy Communion: 'Take and eat, take and drink, my body, my blood – given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.'

Where next? Start thinking about the amazing gifts in creation: 'the moon and stars that the Lord has set in place' (Psalm 8:3).

There is no end to the things we have reason to thank and praise the Lord for. Perhaps you might invite someone to explore the things you are thankful for – at home, at a café, in fellowship after worship.

Truly, the Lord has done many wonderful things! Let's be thankful. He is worthy of our praise.

O Lord, we praise you for all you have created and your ongoing creation of new things. Keep us mindful that all of creation is your doing. Keep us always thanking and praising you. Amen.