



Welcome to Church!

**Terrigal
Christian Israelite Church**

22nd February 2026

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

[Chorus]

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

[Chorus]x2

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

(repeat)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, your love goes further still

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(Repeat x1)

To You alone belongs the highest praise (x3)

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed Be Your Name,
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

[Chorus]

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name



Christian Conversations



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive
every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not
into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4



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As Christians we are all Ambassadors of Christ



1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

- Israel as followers of the One True God were called to be living witnesses to the nations of the world.
- Jesus told his followers that we are to let our light shine before the world.

Matthew 5:13-16

Ye are the salt of the earth:

but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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1 Peter 4:10-11

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Notes from 1 Peter 4:10-11

1. Remember to share your gifts
2. When we preach/teach as Christians we are speaking on behalf of God himself!
3. Serve each other to the best of your God given ability

1 Peter 3:15-16

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Notes from 1 Peter 3:15-16

1. Always be ready to testify your faith
2. Make sure you do this with humility and sensitivity
3. Ensure you leave a good impression

“Your Elevator Pitch”

An Elevator Pitch - a concise 30-60 second summary used to define who you are, what you do, and your unique value proposition to spark interest.

It should be a prepared, natural-sounding introduction—covering your background and goals—designed to make a lasting impression.

- Short (30-60sec)
- Contains:
 - Who you are
 - What you do
 - Your unique value proposition
- Intended to be interesting
- Should be presented naturally
- Have both depth and promise

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What To Expect

The call for an elevator pitch of you, your church or your faith can come at the most unexpected times, from those that you least expect and in the most unexpected ways!

- **So what are you doing this weekend?**
 - Very rarely a lead-in to a Christianity pitch
 - What church is common
 - Why that church is also common
- **Why do you look/think/do/disagree with that?**
 - This is the stand for your faith moment
 - Know why
 - This is your why not your churches, your friends, your parents



- **What's that church all about?**
 - This is actually a “why do you go there question”
 - Don't try to sell something you don't understand
- **Oh is that 'cause of your religion?**
 - This is a call for the very short pitch
 - A lead-in to an ambassador or commitment

Jonah 1

The reluctant Elevator Pitch

Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

² Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

⁴ But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

⁶ So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy

God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.



⁷ And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

⁸ Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

⁹ And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

¹⁰ Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him. Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

¹² And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

- Obviously Jonah had already been asked for his Elevator pitch and had given half an answer.
- Given the situation, the men obviously recognised the power of God.

Acts 26:1-29

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

² I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

³ Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

Paul's first pitch – History & Hope

⁴ My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

⁵ Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

⁶ And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God, unto our fathers:

⁷ Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

Paul's second pitch – Interesting

⁸ Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

⁹ I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

¹⁰ Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

¹¹ And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

Testimony

¹² Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

¹³ At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

¹⁴ And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

¹⁵ And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

¹⁶ But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

¹⁷ Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

¹⁸ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

¹⁹ Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

²⁰ But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

²¹ For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Honest and Natural – not Defensive

²² Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

²³ That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

²⁴ And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

²⁵ But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

²⁶ For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

Bringing it home

²⁷ King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

²⁸ Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

²⁹ And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Hymn 121



God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace:
Behind a frowning Providence,
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

Building your Elevator Pitch

What and Why you are?

What are you?

- A Christian
 - What is a Christian?
 - How are you a Christian?
- A Christian Israelite
 - What is a Christian Israelite?
 - How are you a Christian Israelite?

Why are you?

- A Christian
 - The world makes sense because of it
 - Historical evidence supports it
 - The Bible teaches it – the Bible is from God
 - I have seen what it does to peoples lives

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- A Christian Israelite
 - People are doers not just thinkers
 - There is a mountain of biblical doctrine that proclaims a future for a Christian Israel group

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

C.S Lewis

Where do you go to Church?

What's that?

- A Christian Church
 - Preach the Gospel of Jesus
 - Teach his teachings
 - Proclaim Salvation by grace
- A Church for an Israelite
 - Teaches faith practices from both old and new testaments
 - Focuses on preparation of the individual to be ready for Jesus' return
 - Believe that there is a future for a group of people called to be the Israel mentioned in various books of the new testament including Revelations

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Why go there?

- Great fellowship, Sunday School, Morning Tea
- Solid Biblical teaching
- It's been my family's church for generations
- I just can't get enough of the Hymns...

What's your key ministry/focus in your Church?

- This is generally a question from Christian leaders.
 - Important to emphasise that we believe in salvation of our souls through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. A gift by grace.
- Give an answer that you are comfortable with:
 - We teach practices from both Old and New Testaments
 - We promote Faith and Discipleship
 - We see many unfulfilled promises to scattered Israel who are blinded to their hope until near the return of Jesus Christ. This church preaches a message of salvation for these people.

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- You don't have to have an answer. It is sufficient to happily give your reasons for coming along.

In your own words try to put together:

- *what and why you are (why do you do that?)*
- *your church connection (why do you go there?)*
- *your unique beliefs intended to spark interest.
(what really sells your story?)*

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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

(Chorus)

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

(Chorus)

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Thanks for coming to



1 Peter 3:15

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Coming Up Next Week –

Sunday Church – 11:30am

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