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# THE COVENANT SERVICE



Let us pray.

Glory to the Father, the God of love, who created us;  
who continually preserves and sustains us;  
who has loved us with an everlasting love,  
and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**



Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who, though he was rich,  
yet for our sake became poor,  
and was tested in every way as we are,  
yet without sin;  
who proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,  
and was obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross;



who was raised from the dead and is alive for ever,  
and has opened the kingdom of heaven  
to all who trust in him;  
who is seated at God's right hand in glory,  
and will come to be our judge.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**



Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
by whom we are born into the family of God,  
and made members of the body of Christ;  
whose witness confirms us;  
whose wisdom teaches us;  
whose power enables us;  
who will do for us more than we can ask or think.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**



To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be praise and glory for ever.

**Amen.**



God of grace,  
through the mediation of your Son,  
you call us into a new covenant.  
Help us to draw near with faith  
and join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



# THE COVENANT



God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law.

The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.



In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.

We meet today, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim on us.



*Let us pray.*

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

You showed us how to live in the life of Jesus.  
We confess that we have been slow to learn from him, failed to follow him and showed our reluctance to carry the cross.

Lord, have mercy,

**Lord, forgive.**



We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our hesitating witness to your love for your world, our reluctance in your service and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**



For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts,  
evade our responsibilities,  
and fail to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**



For the sin that has made us unwilling  
to overcome evil with good,  
tolerant of injustice,  
quick to condemn,  
and selfish in sharing your love with others:

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**

Silence



**Have mercy upon me, O God,  
in your constant love;  
in the fullness of your mercy  
blot out my offences.  
Wash away all my guilt,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**



If we confess our sins,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore to all who truly repent  
this is his gracious word:  
‘Your sins are forgiven.’

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**



Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
let us again accept our place within this covenant  
which God has made with us  
and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.

This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit,  
we accept God's purpose for us,  
and the call to love and serve God  
in all our life and work.



Christ has many services to be done:  
some are easy, others are difficult;  
some bring honour, others bring reproach;  
some are suitable to our natural inclinations  
and material interests,  
others are contrary to both;  
in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;  
in others we cannot please Christ  
except by denying ourselves.

Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own.  
Let us give ourselves to him,  
trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.



Eternal God,  
in your faithful and enduring love  
you call us to share in your gracious covenant  
in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands;  
in love we seek to do your perfect will;  
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.  
We are no longer our own but yours.

**I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place me,  
in all that I do  
and in all that I may endure;  
when there is work for me  
and when there is none;  
when I am troubled  
and when I am at peace.**



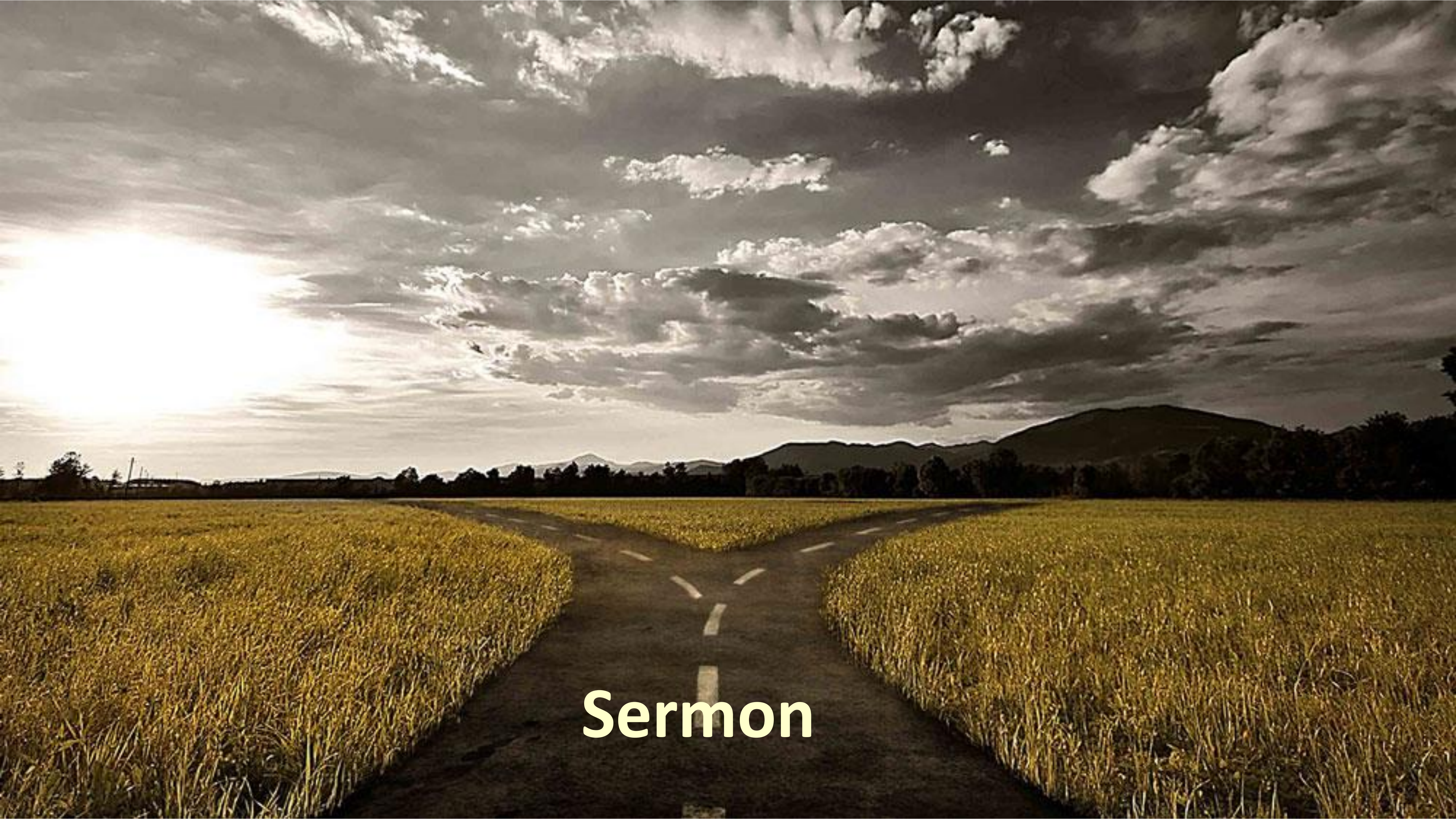
**Your will be done  
when I am valued  
and when I am disregarded;  
when I find fulfilment  
and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things,  
and when I have nothing.**

**I willingly offer  
all I have and am  
to serve you,  
as and where you choose.**



**Glorious and blessèd God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
May it be so for ever.  
Let this covenant now made on earth  
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**





**Sermon**



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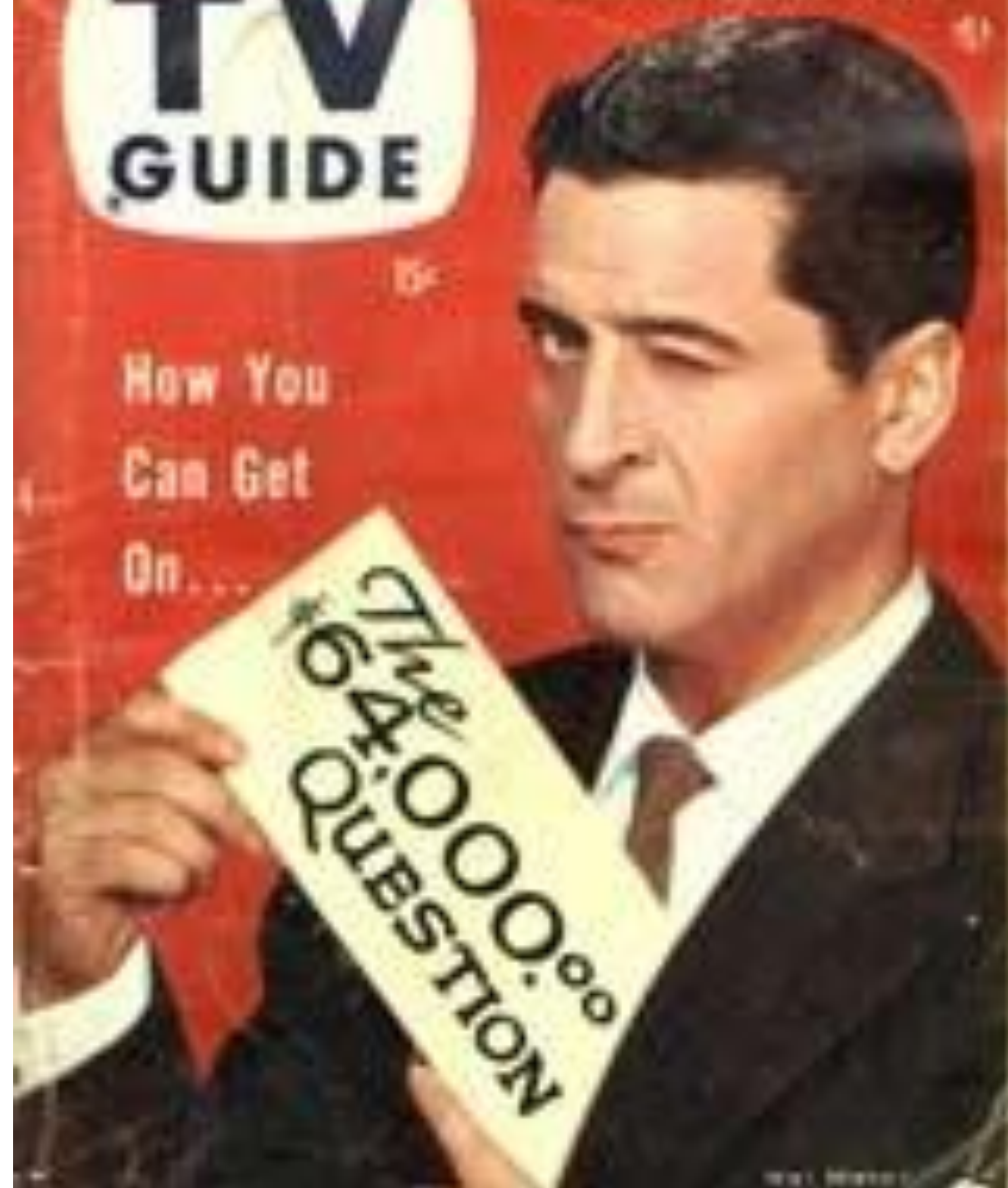


Why Frankie Laine Got Big Break On TV



LOCAL PROGRAM LISTINGS  
WEEK OF AUGUST 20-26

How You  
Can Get  
On...





A landscape photograph featuring a paved road that splits into two separate paths, each leading into a vast field of golden wheat. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, with a bright light source on the left side. In the background, there are dark silhouettes of trees and rolling hills.

**WHICH  
WAY?**



A landscape photograph featuring a paved road with white dashed lines that recedes into the distance. The road is flanked by a field of tall, golden-brown grain. In the background, there are rolling hills under a dramatic sky filled with large, white, puffy clouds. The sun is visible on the left side of the frame, creating a bright glow and casting long, soft shadows.

**WHICH**  
**W/AY?**  
**Consider the CASENOTES**



**WHICH WAY?**

**“You know  
with all your heart and soul  
that not one of all the good promises  
the LORD your God gave you  
has failed.”**

Joshua 23:14



A landscape photograph featuring a paved road with a white dashed line down the center, receding into the distance. The road is flanked by a field of tall, golden-brown grass or grain. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted hills or mountains under a dramatic sky filled with large, white and grey clouds. The sun is visible on the left side of the frame, creating a bright glow and casting a soft light across the scene.

**WHICH**

**WAY?**

Consider the CASENOTES

**Calculate the COST**



A landscape photograph showing a dirt road that forks into two paths, leading into a vast field of golden-brown crops. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted hills under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The sun is visible on the left side of the sky, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows.

**WHICH WAY?**

**“Now fear the LORD  
and serve him with all faithfulness.”**

**Joshua 24:14**



**WHICH WAY?**

**“Throw away the gods  
your forefathers worshipped...  
and serve the LORD.”**

**Joshua 24:14**



A landscape photograph showing a dirt road that forks into two paths, leading into a vast field of golden-brown grass. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted hills under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The sun is visible on the left side of the sky, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows.

**WHICH WAY?**

**“But you are to hold fast  
to the LORD your God...”**

**Joshua 23:8**



A landscape photograph featuring a paved road that splits into two paths, leading into a vast field of golden-brown grain. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted hills under a sky filled with large, white, puffy clouds. The sun is visible on the left side of the frame, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows.

**WHICH WAY?**

**‘We love  
because he first loved us’**

**1 John 4:19**





**WHICH**

**WAY?**

Consider the CASENOTES

Calculate the COST

**Contemplate the CONSEQUENCES**



# THE LORD'S SUPPER



The Peace  
All stand.

The Lord has made an everlasting covenant  
of peace with his people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



The presiding minister leads the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



God our Father, fountain of goodness,  
creator of all that is,  
you have made us in your own image.  
You have given us life and reason,  
and love for one another,  
setting in our hearts a hunger for you.



In darkness you are our light,  
in adversity and temptation our strength.  
You bear patiently with our folly and sin,  
granting us your law to guide us  
and your prophets to renew our faith.

In the fullness of time  
you came to us in love and mercy  
in Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
full of grace and truth.



He lived among us,  
declaring your forgiveness  
and revealing your wisdom  
in works of mercy and in his word of power.  
For us he suffered and died upon the cross,  
by death destroying death.



You raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your people,  
gathered together in every time and place  
to glorify your holy name.



With them and all the company of heaven  
we join in the unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



Holy God, pour out your Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who, on the night in which he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take this and eat it.  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'



In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink from it, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'



**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Lord, we obey his command  
with this bread and this cup,  
by which we recall his death and resurrection,  
the source of our life and salvation.



Grant that we, who share in this holy sacrament,  
may be united by your Spirit  
and grow into perfect love.

Bring us,  
with those who have done your will in every age,  
into the light of your presence  
and the joy of your kingdom.



**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.  
Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



The breaking of the bread

The gifts of God for His people.

**Jesus Christ is holy;  
Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Glory to God the Father.**

Silence, all seated or kneeling.



Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall not hunger  
and those who believe in me shall never thirst.'

Draw near with faith.



# The sharing of the bread and wine



Silence

Let us pray.

**Faithful God,  
with these holy gifts  
you have fed and strengthened us  
in Jesus Christ your Son.**



**Guide us on our way,  
that with all your faithful people  
we may come to share the feast  
of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



The presiding minister says:

The blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us for ever.  
**Amen.**



The presiding minister says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**