

Sunday Service

10.30am & 6.30pm | Sunday, October 30th 2022 | Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Will Sykes (Junior children, youth and families worker)

Hymn: Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it,
name of Thy redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me,
Thou hast brought me to this place,
and I know Thy hand will bring me
safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above!

O that day when, freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
bring Thy promises to pass;
for I know Thy pow'r will keep me
till I'm home with Thee at last.

Robert Robinson & John Wyeth

Confession

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life in your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood.

Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart, or serve you as we ought. Pardon our offences, we pray, and make us clean, and strengthen us to continue as members of Christ, in whom alone is salvation. Amen

Baptism of Isaac Baker (10.30am)

This is the faith of the Church

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The whole congregation says:

We receive you into Christ's congregation. We pray that you will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; that you will fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil; that you will continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life. Amen

Song: Brick after brick (10.30)

God used to dwell in a house among His people,
but now He has a home that's better than the first.
It doesn't look like a building with a steeple.
Now He's living in the people of the Church.

**Brick after brick, God is building His temple;
brick after brick, He is making it strong.
With Christ the sure foundation
and His people as the stones,
He is building a place He can live
brick after brick.**

Christ is the Rock on which ev'rything's depending.
He's making sure His house is steady as can be.

His love is strong and His promises unending;
and He'll protect His Church from all her enemies.

Brick after brick...

All His people gather 'round,
singing out with joyful sound,
giving glory to their Maker.
And they build each other up
as they share the bread and cup
to remember their Saviour

Brick after brick...

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Children leave (10.30)

Song: His mercy is more (6.30)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

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Prayers 10.30am : Joshua Bowes-Smith
6.30pm: Eloise Naylor

Church Family News

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All within that holy city
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

We as living stones invoke you:
Come among us, Lord, today!
With your gracious loving-kindness
hear your children as we pray;
and the fullness of your blessing
in our fellowship display.

Here entrust to all your servants
what we long from you to gain –
that on earth and in the heavens
we one people shall remain,
till united in your glory
evermore with you we reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

John Mason Neale and Henry Purcell

Reading: Nehemiah 3:1- 32
10.30am: Janet Twigg
6.30pm: Penny Simons

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'God's kindness to faltering people: An equipping God'
Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

Hymn : Facing a task unfinished

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease,
we, who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee
to go and make Thee known.

**We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ The Lord.**

Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today;
with none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying,
and pass into the night.

Song: O Church arise

O Church, arise and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they
are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the
wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He
died,
an inheritance of nations.

Closing Prayer

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We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours;
fired by the same ambition,
to Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
to labour for Thy sake.

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Come see the cross, where love and mercy
meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His
feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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