

# Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 | The First Sunday of Lent

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**Welcome:** Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

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**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Song: 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.

**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.

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.

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## Song: Jesus is better

There is no other so sure and steady;  
my hope is held in Your hand.  
When castles crumble and breath is  
fleeting;  
upon this rock I will stand,  
upon this rock I will stand.

**Glory, glory, we have no other King  
but Jesus, Lord of all.  
We raise the anthem.  
Our loudest praises ring.  
We crown Him Lord of all.**

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken  
the curse of sin's tyranny.  
My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's  
shadow;  
Your crimson flood covers me,  
Your crimson flood covers me.

**Glory, glory...**

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In all my sorrows Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe.  
In ev'ry vict'ry Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe.  
Than any comfort Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe.  
More than all riches Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe.

Our souls declaring Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe.  
Our song eternal: Jesus is better;  
make my heart believe!

**Glory, glory...**

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**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation. Father, forgive us. Help us to love you and our neighbour, and to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Prayers:** Paula Harris

## **Church Family News**

**Reading:** Philippians 3:12-4:1 (p.1180) Rafa de Lima

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Song: May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say, all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power, only through his  
power.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing -  
this is victory, this is victory!

May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go, as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel  
seeing only him, seeing only him.

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## **Sermon: 'Partnership in the gospel : A New Goal'**

**Will Sykes** (Junior Children, Youth and Families' Worker)

### **Song: Yet not I but through Christ in me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and  
freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless  
peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all  
is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for, in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall  
overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am  
free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me,  
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
all the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips  
shall repeat:

yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **Take Communion** (see additional sheet for songs during this time)

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## **Song: I will follow**

I will follow him, the one who walked  
the darkest path for me;  
and place my feet where his have trod,  
the road to Calvary.  
And so in grace to bear my cross  
and fix my eyes above,  
and then to walk the darker paths  
and light them with his love.

I will follow him, the one who would  
the humble servant be,  
and know, in serving him, it is  
that I am truly free,  
to walk in faith and strive in hope  
and labour in his love,  
and then to walk the darker paths  
and light them with his love.

And even in the darkest hour  
no evil will I fear;  
he bids me follow in his path  
and bear the cross so dear.  
His goodness ever follows me  
So, when the road is rough,  
I will not fall, but walk on still,  
upheld in hands of love.

I will follow him, the one whose death  
is grace enough for me;  
the one who rose and now who reigns  
for all eternity.  
And daily now the hope of heaven -  
it gives me strength enough  
that I can walk the darker paths  
and light them with his love.

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## **Closing Prayer**

# Songs during Communion

## Song: There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

**Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit—  
till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever  
in that holy place.

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## Song: Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us: and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
torn for you: eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings  
us life,  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,  
to respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

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