

# Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, January 8th 2023 | First Sunday after Epiphany

**Welcome:** Matthew Lawes (Curate)

## **Song:** Come now with awe

Come now with awe, earth's ancient vigil  
keeping:  
cold under starlight lies the stony way.  
Down from the hillside see the shepherds  
creeping,  
hear in our hearts the whispered news  
they say:  
'Laid in a manger lies an infant sleeping,  
Christ our Redeemer, born for us today.'

Come now with joy to worship and adore  
Him;  
hushed in the stillness, wonder and behold,  
Christ in the stable where His mother  
bore Him,  
Christ whom the prophets faithfully foretold:  
High King of ages, low we kneel before Him,  
starlight for silver, lantern-light for gold.

Come now with faith, the age-long secret  
guessing,  
hearts rapt in wonder, soul and spirit stirred;  
see in our likeness, love beyond expressing,  
all God has spoken, all the prophets heard;  
born for us sinners, bearer of all blessing,  
flesh of our flesh, behold the eternal Word!

Come now with love: beyond our  
comprehending  
Love in its fullness lies in mortal span!  
How should we love, whom Love is so  
befriending?  
Love rich in mercy since our race began  
now stoops to save us, sighs and sorrows  
ending,  
Jesus our Saviour, Son of God made man.

Timothy Dudley-Smith@1975,1983 Hope Publishing Company

## **Confession**

**Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Interview with Justin & Carmen Roberts** (Minister for students)

**All-age slot**

## **Song: To be like Jesus**

Love, joy, peace and patience, too,  
grow in those who trust in You,  
all who put their hope in Christ.  
Kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
self-control and gentleness  
live in those who have new life.

**I want to be like Jesus,  
to walk and talk like Jesus,  
I want to live like one who follows Him.  
I want to love like Jesus,  
to give my all like Jesus,  
I want to live like one who follows Him.**

I don't always do what's right;  
Jesus lived a perfect life,  
and for sins like mine He died.  
Teach me to obey Your Word,  
help me to put others first,  
Holy Spirit, change my life.

**I want to be like Jesus...**

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## **Children leave for groups**

### **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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## **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.

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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## **Church Family News**

### **Partnership Video**

**Prayers:** Anthony & Cecilia Fisher

**Reading:** Nehemiah 5:1- 19 Rob Shenton

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

**Sermon:** 'Building for the future Plus: Blessed by God'  
Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

## **Song: O great God**

O great God of highest heaven  
occupy my lowly heart;  
own it all and reign supreme,  
conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain  
that resists Your holy war;  
You have loved and purchased me,  
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,  
had no ears to hear Your voice,  
did not know Your love within,  
had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life,  
opened up Your Word to me;  
through the gospel of Your Son  
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life  
that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised  
with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven  
glorify Your Name through me.

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## **Closing Prayer**