

Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, 12th February 2023 | The Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Prayer of Preparation

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: Across the lands

You're the Word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice:
let the skies declare Your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

**You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
and Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.**

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You stilled the sea;
yet how silently You suffered
that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
interceding for Your own.
from each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

All-age slot

Song: I'm following the King

**I'm following the King!
I'm ready to obey,
to listen to his word.
Yes, Jesus is my King!
I'm living now for him
'cos Jesus is my King.**

I don't deserve his mercy
I don't deserve his love
and yet he died to save me -
died upon the cross!

**I'm following the King!
I'm ready to obey,
to listen to his word.
Yes, Jesus is my King!
I'm living now for him
'cos Jesus is my...
Jesus is my...
Jesus is my King!**

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Children leave for their groups

Church Family News

Prayers : Stephen Rae (Director of Operations)

Song: Living God

Living God, come speak today,
lead us in the way of grace.
Here your power and love display,
living God, come speak today.

Living God, come speak today,
teach, rebuke and train us, Lord.
Make us wise in saving faith,
living God, come speak today.

**We are hungry for your wisdom,
we are waiting on your word.
In the power of your Spirit,
speak and change us by your word.**

Living God, come speak today,
bend our hearts to your word and will.
Shape our every word and way,
living God, come speak today.

May we live for you, ever speak for you,
may your gospel resound in all we do,
so to live for you,

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Reading: Luke 8 : 1-21 (p. 1036)
Bill Thomas

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Jesus : Power of the word'
Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Livestream Ends

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: Gracious Father, Son and Spirit

Gracious Father, Son and Spirit,
ever joined in bonds of love,
may your church share in the union
of our God, the three-in-one.
May the love of God our Father,
poured on us in Christ the Son
in the union of His Spirit
fill our hearts and make us one.

We are one in Christ our Saviour,
in His death, we all have died.
In His resurrection power,
we in Him are made alive!
So we all, as ransomed sinners,
stand united in His love,
drawing near to God together,
by His Spirit, through His Son.

Through His word, our gracious Saviour
draws us to Himself in love,
builds us up into a Temple
where, by grace, He dwells with us.
On foundations of His promise,
built on Him, our Cornerstone,
may we stand as one forever,
may His love in us be shown.

Lord, forgive our sad divisions.
In your gospel, make us one,
bound together in Your Spirit,
bought by Jesus' precious blood.
Living worthy of our calling,
let us cast all strife aside
'til as one we see His glory
as His perfect, holy bride.

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Closing prayer

Songs during communion

Song: Lost in wonder

You chose the cross with every breath,
the perfect life, the perfect death:
you chose the cross.
A crown of thorns you wore for us,
and crowned us with eternal life:
you chose the cross.
And though your soul was overwhelmed
with pain,
Obedient to death you overcame.

**I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,
I'm lost in praise forever more.
Because of Jesus' unfailing love,
I am forgiven, I am restored.**

You loosed the cords of sinfulness
and broke the chains of my disgrace:
you chose the cross.
Up from the grave victorious
you rose again so glorious:
you chose the cross.
The sorrow that surrounded you was mine,
'Yet not my will but yours be done!' you
cried.

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Song: Jesus paid it all

I hear the Saviour say:
"Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in Me thine all in all."

**Jesus paid it all;
all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
can change the leper's spots
and melt the heart of stone.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died, my soul to save,
my lips shall still repeat.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead!

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Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

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