

Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, 12th March 2023 | The Third Sunday of 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: Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You
and praise Your name,
and on Your glorious splendour
we will dwell.
On Your wondrous works, Lord,
we'll meditate
and of Your awesome power we will tell.
We'll speak of Your salvation
and Your abundant goodness!

**Because You are greater
than we can imagine.
You are too beautiful for us to fathom.
Oh, You are great and greatly to be
praised.**

Every generation shall sing Your worth
and magnify Your mercy and Your grace.
We'll sing about the Saviour
who came to earth
to bear the sins of those He came
to save.
You fill our hearts with wonder,
we'll worship You forever.

'Greater Than We Can Imagine' Mark Altrogge
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Confession:

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!

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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: Anna Wade (Safeguarding Lead Recruiter)

Reading: Luke 9 : 1-17 (p. 1038)
Iain Coldham

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Discipleship : Learning to trust Jesus'
Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Song: Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me,
and your rod and staff,
are the comfort I need to know.

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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

Songs during communion

Song: Turn your eyes

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Saviour,
and life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embrace.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
and our measureless debt was
erased.

Song: The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.

**This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows His head.

**Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our
Saviour ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.**

Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death
is gone,
for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens,
our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

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Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

**This, the power of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
we stand forgiven at the cross.**

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Song: Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem,
walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him,
now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man
holding up the heavy cross.
See Him walking in Jerusalem
on the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill,
hear the scorn and laughter;
silent as a lamb He waits,
praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun
and the moon and shining stars.
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down,
so that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross,
now no longer breathing;
dust that formed the watching crowds,
takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel the earth is shaking now,
see the veil is split in two,
and He stood before the wrath of God,
shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today,
death could not contain Him.
Once the Servant of the world,
now in vict'ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One,
who is seated on the throne;
see Him in the New Jerusalem,
Praise the One who saved us!

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Song: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne:
Alleluia! - his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hear the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood!'

Alleluia! - not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! - he is near us,
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received him
whom the angels now adore,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! - bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay:
Alleluia! - here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne:
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Closing prayer