

Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, March 26th 2023 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome: Ben Shaw (Music Minister)

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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Confession based on Luke 9:23-24

We hear the words from Jesus:
"Take up your cross and follow me."

And We admit that these words scare us.
We know what *taking up the cross* meant for him.
And we do not feel able to sacrifice our lives.
Father, forgive us and help us.

We are not even ready on most days
to sacrifice smaller things for the sake of the Kingdom.
Father, forgive us and help us.

Today O God we confess our timidity,
our weaknesses, our fears, and our hesitations.
Father, forgive us and help us

As we gather today and gaze upon Christ, may you thrill us again with Him, fill our hearts with appreciation for His love, with wonder at His sacrifice, with peace in knowing His forgiveness.

Give us strength deep within our souls, that we may find the courage to really follow Jesus.
**Lord hear our prayers, remind us of the grace that covers our sin,
and enable us to live as your disciples, walking in faith and sacrifice, by the power of
your Holy Spirit, Amen.**

All-age slot

Song: Jesus Is The King

Jesus is the King, ruler over everything
Jesus is the one, promised one,
the Son of God.
Jesus is the Lord, he's the one
you can't ignore,
Jesus, Jesus: he is the King, he is the King.

He commanded the fishermen
"Hey, Come follow me!"
And they did, and they did, and they did!
Because...

He commanded the evil ones,
"Hey, come out of him!"
And they did, and they did, and they did!
Because...

He commanded the wind and waves.
"Hey, be still, be still!"
And they did, and they did, and they did!
Because...

He promised that three days after death,
He'd rise again
And he did, and he did, and he did!
Because...

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Children leave for groups

Church Family News

Prayers: to be confirmed

Song: Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring,
never trace, nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when He comes.

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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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Reading: Luke 9 : 28 – 43a (p.1039)
Janet Twigg

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Discipleship : Learning to see Jesus.'
Justin Roberts (Minister for Students)

Song: Come Praise The Name Of Jesus

Come, praise the name of Jesus
for all his gracious powers,
our only God and Saviour
who makes his goodness ours;
He calls us to his kingdom,
the Lord of life and death,
to see his face in glory
and know him now by faith.

His virtue and his wisdom,
endurance, self-control,
His godliness and kindness,
His love which crowns them all -
this is his royal nature
that we are called to share,
His robe of perfect beauty
that we are given to wear.

We see his shining splendour
in every sunless place
where Christ, the light of nations,
appears in truth and grace.
Transfigured by his likeness
we make the vision known,
reflecting in our faces
the radiance of his own.

The king of grace inspires us
to love him more and more,
to grasp our hope more firmly
and make our calling sure.
Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour,
to this dark world you came;
and for the dawn of heaven,
we praise your holy name.

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Closing Prayer