

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, May 7th 2023 | The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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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Song: King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope without light,
till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

**Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty
praise forever to the King of Kings.**

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.
And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name.
in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* catholic: refers to the universal, world-wide church

Prayers: Paul Houghton

Church Family News

Hymn: How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you
He has said,
to you, who for refuge to Jesus
have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land,
on the sea,
As days may demand, shall your
strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not
dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give
you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and
cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent
hand."

"When through the deep waters I
call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not
overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles
to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest
distress."

"When through fiery trials your
pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be
your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only
design
your dross to consume, and your
gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned
for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should
endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never
forsake."

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Reading: Acts 1:12-26 (p.1092)
Penny Simons

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'To the Ends of the Earth: The Gospel Call.'
Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

**Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong in the Saviour's
love.
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil,
my anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless, stand before the throne.

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.
What heights of love, what depths of
peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

Cont'd...

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Closing Prayer