

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, August 6th 2023 | The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Justin Roberts (Minister for Students)

Song: His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs
we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not
their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is
more.**

What patience would wait as we constantly
roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

Song: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the
night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father and I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the
fight,
be thou my armour and be thou my might.
Be my soul's shelter, and thou my high
tower,
raise thou me heavenwards, O power of
my power.

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the
poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was
the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never
afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou my inheritance now and always.
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's
sun.
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, thou ruler of all.

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Confession

O God our Father, we confess that we have often used your gifts carelessly, and acted as though we were not grateful. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy forgive us and help us:

When we enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but forget they come from you - then, Father, in your mercy,

forgive us and help us.

When we are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry and those in need - then, Father, in your mercy,

forgive us and help us.

When we are thoughtless, and do not treat with respect or care the wonderful world you have made - then, Father, in your mercy,

forgive us and help us.

When we store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven - then, Father in your mercy,

forgive us and help us.

Grant us thankful hearts and a loving concern for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Church Family News

Prayers: Naomi Dyer

Song: Let love be found among us

Let love be found among us -
the gift of God it is,
the hallmark of his children
the sign that we are his.

We claim that God has called us -
no idle boast or fraud
if love directs our actions
and proves we know the Lord!

The reason God has loved us
is simply sovereign choice;
our love is but an echo
to his resounding voice:
for God is love, and showed it
by giving us his Son:
through him our past is pardoned -
a new life has begun.

How deeply God has loved us,
accepting us as friends;
so let us show each other
this love which never ends;
for though we cannot find him
with sight or touch or sound,
yet God himself is present
where love is truly found.

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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.**

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**I will trust, I will trust in You,
I will trust, I will trust in You,
endless mercy follows me,
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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Reading: Acts 6:1-7 (p. 1098)
Paul German

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'To the Ends of the Earth : The Growing Church'
Rob Mullock (Minister for Training)

Song: Lord Of The Church We Pray For Our Renewing

Lord of the church, we pray for our
renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer, nearer what a church
should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's
blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless
striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer -
the living water for our soul's reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed
reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall
sing
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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Closing Prayer