

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, August 20th 2023 | The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Song: Our God reigns

Awake, awake, O Zion, and clothe yourself with strength, shake off your dust and fix your eyes on Him. For you have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, and now you sit enthroned with Him

Our God reigns, He is King of all the earth. Our God reigns, and He's seated on the throne. Lift your voice, and sing a song of praise. Our God reigns, the awesome Lord most high. How beautiful the feet are of those who bring good news, for they proclaim the peace that comes from God. Rise up, you holy nation, proclaim the great salvation, and say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, our God is with us now.

The watchmen lift their voices, and raise a shout of joy, for He will come again.
Then all eyes will see the salvation of our God, for He has redeemed Jerusalem.

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Song: Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King; let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom, to be children of light with the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ; walking justly before Him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us. King of heaven, we will answer the call. We will follow, bringing hope to the world, filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross, bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come: let the nations put their trust in Him.

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Confession

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

Church Family News

Prayers: Chris Priestley

Song: The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and joy; for Jesus restores what sin would destroy. God's power and glory in Jesus we know; and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share; and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice: believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross: our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal; in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call; and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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Reading: Acts 8:4-25 (p. 1101) Christine Cull

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Acts. To the Ends of the Earth.: The proclamation of good news.' Mark Burkill (Vicar)

Song: All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave; I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will; and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost; You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed: You suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose; and let my song forever be: my only boast is You.

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Song: Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts;

may Jesus Christ be known wherever we are. We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown:

the cross has saved us so we pray, Your kingdom come.

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done so that everyone might know Your Name. Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth till Your sovereign work on earth is done, let Your kingdom come. Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak; perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak. Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test; by grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

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Closing Prayer

