

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, September 3rd 2023 | The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

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 fulfillment
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: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!

**My chains are gone,
I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

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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

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

Prayers: Chris Priestley

Church Family News

Song: Living God

Living God, come speak today,
lead us in the way of grace.
Here your power and love display,
living God, come speak today.

Living God, come speak today,
teach, rebuke and train us, Lord.
Make us wise in saving faith,
living God, come speak today.

**We are hungry for your wisdom,
we are waiting on your word.
In the power of your Spirit,
speak and change us by your word.**

Living God, come speak today,
bend our hearts to your word and will.
Shape our every word and way,
living God, come speak today.
Bridge

May we live for you, ever speak for you,
may your gospel resound in all we do,
so to live for you,

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Reading: Acts 9:1-31 (p. 1102)
Heather Charlton

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Acts. To the Ends of the Earth : The Suprising Choice'
Matthew Lawes (Curate)

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.

Hymn: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
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He left His Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite His grace;
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
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Closing Prayer

**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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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my
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