

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, September 24th 2023 | The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Rob Mullock (Minister for Training)

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

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.**

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.

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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**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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Prayers : Luke Smith

Church Family News

Song: Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God,
help us to receive;
break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
cause it to bear fruit;
open up our ears to hear,
lead us in Your truth.

**Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory;
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is
Lord.**

Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes,
guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul -
Come speak to us today!

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

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Worship

Reading: Isaiah 40:6-11 (p. 725) & Mark 1:14-20 (p.1002)
Carolyn Edmonds

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Meeting Jesus : How will he bring good news?.'
Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and
freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all
is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for, in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I
am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me,
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Communion

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Take Communion

Song During Communion:

Song: Turn Your Eyes

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Saviour,
and life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embrace.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
and our measureless debt was erased.

**Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our
Saviour ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.**

Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is
gone,
for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens,
our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

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Kevin Winebarger
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Song: O Church Arise

O Church, arise and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they
are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the
wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which
He died,
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and
mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed
beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the
prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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Closing Prayer