

Sunday Service

9am & 11am | Sunday, October 1st 2023 | The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Thanksgiving prayer

Almighty God, creator and redeemer, we praise you for your work of creation; for the beauty of the world around us and for every gift we enjoy. We bless you for creating us to know you, love you and obey you. Most of all we thank you for your amazing love in sending your Son to restore your world, to die for us and to give us life in all its fullness. Accept, O God, our praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things:
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise sing praise.

**Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

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Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation. Father, forgive us. Help us to love you and our neighbour, and to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All - Age Slot

Song: Givers like God

God chose to give the flowers petals,
And knows to give the birds their feathers.
His creatures never worry whether,
They will be clothed.
He fills them with the proper fillers, (true!)
He knows that birds like caterpillars, (ew!)
God is the first and best of givers,
He always knows and so we know.

**God will give us everything we need,
Clothes to wear, food to eat,
Love to share, and air to breathe.
God is full of generosity,
And so we know we want to be,
Givers like God, givers like God.**

A grateful heart will not be greedy,
God gives us all we need so freely,
So, when we see somebody needy,
We want to share.
If we've received the gift of heaven, (yes!)
We have received the greatest blessing,
(blessed!)
O Spirit, help us learn this lesson:
The riches there can't be compared!

We see something and we love it,
Crave it and we covet,
And that's not right.
It's so much better to consider,
The joy of being givers,
Like Jesus Christ!

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Children leave for their groups

**Prayers: 9am Johnny Lockwood
11am Felicité Dodd**

Church Family News

Song: Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise:
songs of God's abundant treasure,
sung by angel tongues above,
songs that tell the boundless measure
of my Lord's unchanging love!

I remember Thy great mercy:
by Thy help I've safely come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God,
He, to rescue me from danger,
shed for me his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor –
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love!
Here's my heart, Lord, take and
seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above!

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Reading: Malachi 3: 6-12 (p. 961)

9am Kieran Robertson

11am Susan Pontefract

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Open the floodgates of blessing'

Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

Song: I Will Offer Up My Life

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love as my worship to
You.

In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

**Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be
sung**

as a praise of Your name

for the things You have done?

**Oh, my words could not tell, not even in
part,
of the debt of love that is owed by this
thankful heart.**

You deserve my every breath
for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death,
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven,
and have beckoned me in.

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Song: All Creating Heavenly Giver

All-creating heavenly Giver,
bringing light and life to birth;
all-sustaining heavenly Father
of the families of earth:
we, your children, lift our voices
singing gladly of your love:
never-ending are the praises
rising to your throne above.

Ever-living Lord and Saviour,
breaking chains of sin and shame;
ever-loving Intercessor,
man shall triumph in your name:
we, your servants liberated
at a fearful ransom-price,
in your kingdom are united
by that mighty sacrifice.

Life-conceiving Wind of heaven,
breathing gifts upon us all;
life-enhancing Spirit, given
to enrich us, great and small:
we, whose talents widely differ,
now restore to you your own,
and in true thanksgiving offer
all we are before the throne.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessing all within your hand:
full the cup that we inherit,
firm the ground on which we stand:
we, your people, undeserving
of the grace you freely give,
now and ever, in thanksgiving
to your praise and glory live.

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Closing Prayer