

Sunday Service

9am | Sunday, October 22nd 2023 | The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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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

All - Age Slot

Song: Almighty Creator

Almighty Creator,
You spoke and there was light,
there was light.
And by Your great power
You spoke and there was day,
and there was night.
And You made all things to
show Your glory,
formed all things to bring You praise.

**And You've created me to worship You.
And You've created me to love You.
And You have made me to delight in You.
All glory to Your name!**

The mountains, the oceans,
all creatures great and small in the earth.
All nations, all peoples,
of all colours came to be by Your Word.
And you shed Your blood for
our salvation
so You could make us anew.

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Children leave for their groups

Church Family News

Prayers: 9am Emily Davies

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.**

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: Genesis 2: 4 -17 (p. 4)

9am Sue Beeley

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'In the beginning... : The Gift of being human'

Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

Song: Creator God

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
Your glory shines in all that You have made.
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness;
all earth replies: "majestic is Your name!"
And who am I, though made below the angels,
that You, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the One who spoke out stars now breathes His last.
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
that You would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness,
and from His wounds flows mercy unreserved.

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.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
death could not hold the One who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,
and in our hearts, His risen life now shines.
And who are we, that You would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with You,
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the One who's making all things new!"

And so we wait in eager expectation
and join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call Your sons and daughters home."

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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