

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, October 22nd 2023 | The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome: Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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Church Family News

Prayers : Amelia Harvey

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

Song: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for
us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Reading: Isaiah 1:1-6 (p.686) & Mark 1: 40 -2: 12 (p.1003)
Anthony Fisher

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Meeting Jesus : How is he compassionate?'
Rob Mullock (Minister for Training)

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.

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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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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

Songs During Communion:

Song: The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate

The Lord is gracious and compassionate
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is good to all,
he has compassion on all that he has
made.

**As far as the east is from the west,
that's how far he has removed our
transgressions from us.**

**Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the
Lord.
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the
Lord.**

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Depth of mercy, can there be
Song: Depth of Mercy
mercy reaching even me?

God the Just, his wrath forbears;
me the chief of sinners, spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desperate need
for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord,
let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore,
look to you and sin no more.
There for me the Saviour stands,
holding forth his wounded hands;
scars which ever cry for me,
once condemned, but now set free.

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RESPONSE PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Hymn: Love Divine
Joy in heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy grace receive!
Suddenly return, and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Closing Prayer