

# Sunday Service

9am & 11am | Sunday, November 5th 2023 | The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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**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: Come People Of The Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,  
who delight to bring Him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue  
rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of  
Christ, rejoice!**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands -  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!

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**Prayers: 9am & 11am Rob Mullock**

## 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**

**All - Age slot**

## Song: God's Great Family

When the Father made us  
He knew we'd run from Him  
and try to hide our sin,  
but He wanted to save us.  
His own were on His heart  
before He made the stars.

**Oh, oh, no one is good,  
not even one,  
but God can make us daughters,  
God can make us sons.  
Jesus paid the price when He offered  
up His life  
so we could be part of God's great  
family.**

When the Father draws us  
it's like a magnet's pull;  
He's irresistible.  
When the Spirit calls us  
He brings the dead to life,  
He gives the blind new eyes.

When He calls, when He draws,  
we are His forever.  
He will never let you go,  
He will never let you go.

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## Children leave for their groups

## Church Family News

**Reading:** Genesis 2:18-25 (p.4)  
9am Felicité Dodd  
11am Peter Jones

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** 'In the beginning...: The Gift of Family'  
Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

## Song: Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn  
to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will  
never pass away;  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure:  
I can stand on every promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin,  
condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
You are faithful to forgive,  
that in freedom I might live,  
so I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Guilt to innocence restored;  
You remember sins no more,  
so I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice  
I will listen for Your voice,  
and I'll stand on every promise of Your word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
as I stand on every promise of Your word.  
And You've promised to complete  
every work begun in me,  
so I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,  
love that casts out every fear  
as I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
for the Comforter has come,  
and I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
grace for all who will believe;  
we will stand on every promise of Your word.

**Livestream ends**

**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: How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**Song: In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied –  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

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There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Hymn: Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All within that holy city  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
sing, in perfect harmony;  
God the One-in-Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

We as living stones invoke you:  
Come among us, Lord, today!  
With your gracious loving-kindness

hear your children as we pray;  
and the fullness of your blessing  
in our fellowship display.

Here entrust to all your servants  
what we long from you to gain –  
that on earth and in the heavens  
we one people shall remain,  
till united in your glory  
evermore with you we reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
one in power and one in glory  
while eternal ages run.

John Mason Neale and Henry Purcell

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### **Closing Prayer**