

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, November 19th 2023 | The Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Song: Rejoice

Come and stand before your Maker
full of wonder, full of fear;
come behold His power and glory
yet with confidence draw near.
For the One who holds the heavens
and commands the stars above
is the God who bends to bless us
with an unrelenting love.

Rejoice!
**Come and lift your hands and raise
your voice;**
He is worthy of all praise,
Rejoice!
**Sing the mercies of your King
and with trembling, rejoice.**

We are children of the promise,
the beloved of the Lord,
won with everlasting kindness,
bought with sacrificial blood.

Bringing reconciliation
to a world that longs to know
the affections of a Father
who will never let them go.

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
turning tragedy to triumph,
turning agony to praise.
There is blessing in the battle
so take heart and stand amazed.

Rejoice!
**When you cry to Him He hears
your voice;**
He will wipe away your tears,
Rejoice!
**In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing.**

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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.

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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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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

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

Prayers: Mike Reeder

Church Family News

Song: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own;
not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name;
in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
cross.

**I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

As summer flowers we fade and die;
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the
cross.

Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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Reading: Philippians 3 : 1- 21 (p.1180)
Ronan Wade

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'It's who you know that counts'
Hugh Palmer (Guest Speaker)

Song: Knowing You

All I once held dear built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted
loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to
this.

**Knowing You, Jesus,
knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours.
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.

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Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Closing Prayer

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