

# Sunday Service

9am & 11am | Sunday, March 17th 2024 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Welcome:** Paula Harris (Children and Families' Worker)

## Hymn: I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross of Calvary:  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with his saints in glory  
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray;  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way:  
days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I often tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet;  
then at last he'll bring me over,  
saved by grace and made complete.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with his saints in glory  
gathered by the crystal sea.

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## Song: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry,  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find  
a friend so faithful?  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
burdened with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

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## Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.  
We ask for your mercy and your help. Our selfishness betrays you: Lord, forgive us.

**ALL: Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering: Lord, forgive us.

**ALL: Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you: Lord, forgive us.

**ALL: Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you: Lord, forgive us.

**ALL: Christ have mercy.**

## All - Age slot

### Song: Jesus My Friend And King

Jesus my friend and King,  
master of everything,  
You knew me, you loved me  
before I loved you.  
Jesus my friend and King,  
master of everything,  
You suffered and died  
so that I could love you.

Living for ever the King over all,  
dying to save me, the friend I adore.  
Risen and ruling, the King all will see,  
greatest of all friends daily with me.  
My friend and King,  
my friend and King.

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## Children leave for their groups

## Church Family News

**Prayers: 9am Johnny Lockwood**  
**11am Geoff & Heather Wilson**

### Song: Shine Into Our Night

We are not what we should be,  
we haven't sought what we should seek,  
we've seen Your glory, Lord, but looked  
away.  
Our hearts are bent, our eyes are dim,  
our finest works are stained with sin,  
and emptiness has shadowed all our ways.

**Jesus Christ, shine into our night,  
drive our dark away  
'till Your glory fills our eyes.  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night.  
Bind us to Your cross, where we find life.**

Still we often go astray,  
we chase the world, forget Your grace,  
but You have never failed to bring us back.  
Reveal the depths of what You've done,  
the death You died, the vict'ry won,  
You made a way for us to know Your love.

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**Reading:** John 18:12-27 (p.1086)  
9am Jo Ulley  
11am Tricia Ware

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

**Sermon:** 'Journey to the Cross : The Denial'  
Rob Mullock (Minister for Training)

**Song: He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold,  
through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
for my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost,  
His Promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied,  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast;  
till our faith is turned to sight,  
when He comes at last.

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**Closing Prayer**

