



## Morning Worship - 15th May 2022

Hymn:9 (v1,2,3,5,7)

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him, hallelujah!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light:

All you with mercy in your heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, hallelujah!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care:

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, hallelujah!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:**

***O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!***

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**he has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The service leader introduces the theme of the service*

**So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.**

### Confession and Absolution

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:  
**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God,  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### ***Hymn: 249***

**IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me.  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more lustre to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have  
overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our  
minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Hymn: SOF1981*

**O CHURCH, ARISE and put your armour on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
An inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust we pray:

**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.**

## Praise and Thanks

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God keep us in all our days.

May Christ shield us in all our ways.

May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us  
and pour upon us blessing and light,  
And the blessing....

**Amen.**

## Readings - Colin Burnie

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-38

*After each reading we use these words:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon**

***Hymn: 158***

**GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN,  
Zion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.**

**See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, whilst such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear!  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
boasted pomp and empty show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.**

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified,  
died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day  
he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

The Intercessions - Geoff and Joy Dawe  
*Prayers of Intercession using this or another response*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*Intercessions may end with*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**