

# Sunday 23rd August – 9.30am Service



## Order of Service

*Please join in with the words in bold*

### Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet  
with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people, the Church, we have  
gathered,  
to worship him.  
let us pray together....

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free the praise of your Church,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
And the precious corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls underlying,  
Bound in each, binds both in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness,  
Hear thy people as they pray;

And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever,  
Those good things their prayers obtain,  
And hereafter, in thy glory,  
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

### Confession and Responses

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant  
Lord,  
We the Church, come to you in sorrow for  
our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and  
unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your  
resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**forgive us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own  
eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**forgive us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**forgive us and help us.**

### **Absolution**

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

### **Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22**

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once  
were far away have been brought near by  
the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has  
made the two groups one and has  
destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of  
hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh  
the law with its commands and  
regulations. His purpose was to create in  
himself one new humanity out of the two,  
thus making peace, 16 and in one body to  
reconcile both of them to God through the  
cross, by which he put to death their  
hostility. 17 He came and preached peace  
to you who were far away and peace to  
those who were near. 18 For through him  
we both have access to the Father by one  
Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer  
foreigners and strangers, but fellow  
citizens with God's people and also  
members of his household, 20 built on the  
foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the chief

cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building  
is joined together and rises to become a  
holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you  
too are being built together to become a  
dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the  
Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus  
Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy  
Spirit?

**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.**

## **Intercessions**

Lord in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.

## **Blessing and Close**

Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we can ask or  
conceive, by the power which is at work  
among us, to him be glory in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.  
**Amen.**

**Thank you for joining in  
with our service this week.**

**See you next week!**

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