

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22nd 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.**

Psalm 92: v.1-2

❖ Hymn:

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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King! | 3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows. |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness! | 4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace! |
| 5. Angels, help us to adore him!
Ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace. | |

❖ Prayer of approach (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ Children's address

❖ Holy Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14 (New Testament, p.192)

❖ Music in worship:

❖ Sermon: Living in the light, exposing the darkness
Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn:

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| 1 God is love: his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him! | 2. None can see God above;
all must here learn to love;
thus may we God ward move,
Find him in others,
Sisters all and brothers [Refrain] |
| Refrain:
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him! | 4. Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then;
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us. |
| 5. To our God praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty {Refrain} | |

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

**Gracious God,
we offer ourselves to you.
make us lights that expose the darkness
bringing love, healing and peace. Amen.**

❖ **Hymn:**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for food, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Letting your kingdom come.

Blessing