

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

October 4th 2020

Preparation:

Prelude: By Christ Redeemed, John Duro

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

Christ journeys with the rejected

and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who hunger

and be fed with the bread of life.

Come now all who wander in the wilderness

and be led by God your liberator.

Come now all who seek

and be filled with good things.

❖ Hymn 22 (Psalm 27):

1 The Lord's my light and saving health,
who shall make me dismay'd?
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom
then shall I be afraid?

3 That I the beauty of the Lord
behold may and admire.
and that I in his holy place
May reverently enquire.

2 One thing I of the Lord desir'd,
and will seek to obtain,
that all days of my life I may
within God's house remain.

4 Wait on the Lord, and be thou strong,
and he shall strength afford
unto thine heart; yea do thou wait,
I say, upon the Lord.

❖ 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:

Philippians 3:4b-14

❖ Music in Worship:

Lift Thine Eyes, Felix Mendelssohn

❖ Sermon

followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn 772:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I'll rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ Offering & dedication *Jubilate Deo*, Kirby Shaw

❖ Hymn 555:

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

❖ Confession of faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ The Invitation, the story of the Last Supper

❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts
Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God*

*and also with you
we lift them up to the Lord
It is right to give
our thanks and praise*

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing ...

Hymn 651:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

❖ **Sharing of bread and wine**

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 248:**

1. "For my sake, and the gospel's, go
and tell redemption's story";
his heralds answer, "Be it so,
and thine, Lord, all the glory!"
They preach his birth, his life, his cross,
the love of his atonement,
for whom they count the world but loss,
his Easter, his enthronement.
2. Hark, hark, the trump of jubilee
proclaims to every nation,
from pole to pole, by land and sea,
glad tidings of salvation;
as nearer draws the day of doom,
while still the battle rages,
the heav'nly Dayspring through the gloom
breaks on the night of ages.
3. He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns
the last of time's evangels,
Emmanuel crowned with many crowns,
the Lord of saints and angels;
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,
triune, who changest never,
the throne of God and of the Lamb
is thine, and thine forever.

❖ **Sending out with blessing**

Postlude: Pro Fine, Peter Cornet

Scripture reader is Jessica Bell.

Prayers of intercession are led by Claire Zweers.

Notices

This week's activities:

- **Sunday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, Compline: *join at https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__*
Password: 243960.
- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs:** Knitting Christmas angels at the church.
Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com
- **Tuesday, 08.45 hrs:** Psalm Reciting (this week – Psalms 102-105), at the church. You are welcome to recite these psalms any time.
- **Wednesday, 19.30 hrs: Zoom Bible Study**, a series on Jesus' parables. **JOIN US ON:**
<https://zoom.us/j/92316847530?pwd=TjdObHBvcnVTRWM4bWprS2QrenBnQT09> .
- **Thursday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, Compline: *join at [Join at \[https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__\]\(https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__\)](https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__)*
- **Prayer:** anyone in special need of prayer for themselves or for someone else, please contact Margaret Richards on *margaretanne_richards@hotmail.com* .

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