

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

October 18th 2020



Prelude: Cantilena Angelica de Fortuna, Samuel Scheidt

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Psalm 99:1-3

❖ **Hymn 57** (Psalm 93):

1. The Lord doth reign, and cloth'd is he
with majesty most bright;
His works do shew him cloth'd to be,
and girt about with might.
2. The world is also stablished,
that it cannot depart.
Thy throne is fix'd of old, and thou
from everlasting art.
3. The floods, O Lord, have lifted up,
they lifted up their voice;
the floods have lifted up their waves,
and made a mighty noise.
4. But yet the Lord, that is on high,
is more of might by far
than noise of many waters is,
or great sea-billows are.
5. Thy testimonies ev'ry one
in faithfulness excel;
And holiness for ever, Lord,
thine house becometh well.

❖ **Prayers of approach** (ending with the Lord's prayer)

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:** Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

❖ **Music in worship** *Locus iste a Deo factus est*, Anton Bruckner

❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection, with music*

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn 470:

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to the King;
angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Choir:** *Almighty and Everlasting God,* Orlando Gibbons

❖ Prayer of dedication

Loving God,
You provide the world with all its needs,
and you call us to be faithful stewards of your bounty.
**Through us, our offerings and our lives
may your rule prevail over your world. Amen**

❖ Hymn 535:

1. Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a Pilgrim.
2. Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright;
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.
- 3 Hobgoblin, nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away,
he'll fear not what men say,
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

❖ **Sending out** with **blessing** (*followed by sung Amen*)

Postlude: Dialogue, Charles Talmadge

Holy Scripture is read this morning by Sally Stone; prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart

A very warm WELCOME to all!

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 – Psalm 119), at the church. You are welcome to recite these psalms any time.
- **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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