

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

October 25th 2020

Prelude: Prière à Notre-Dame, Léon Boëllmann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Psalm 89:1-2

❖ Hymn 63 (Psalm 100):

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at alltimes firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

❖ 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

❖ Baptism of Farrell Kamdem Fomeche Fossoh, son of Besong and Fritz

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

1 John 4:19-21

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

❖ **Music:** *If Ye Love Me*, Thomas Tallis

❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 193:**

1. God is love: His the care,
Tending each, everywhere.
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
That mankind might know Him!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise Him!
2. Nonce can see God above,
all must here learn to love,
tus may we Godward move;
finding him in others,
sisters all and brothers:
Sing aloud, loud, loud!...
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise Him!
3. Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now and then;
for he came to save us,
By the truth he gave us:
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise Him!
4. To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty:
showing God in beauty:
Sing aloud, loud, loud!...
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise Him!

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Music:** *Grant Us Thy Holy Peace*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

Gracious God,
your love is revealed in the things you have made
and in your bountiful provision to the world you love.

**We offer ourselves as neighbours
to all living things and to all creation,
that the whole earth may resound to your glory. Amen**

❖ **Hymn 123** (*tune: Austria*):

1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.
2. God is love and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

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

Postlude: O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jan Bender

Holy Scripture is read this morning by Rosemarie Tiggelovend; prayers of intercession are led by Ingrid Sorensen.

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 120-134). Please note this is not currently being held at the church, but you are welcome to recite these psalms from home either at 8.45 on Tuesday morning or some other time.
- **Wednesday, 19.30 hrs:**
Zoom Bible Study, following a series on the parables and looking at the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. *All welcome. Join us at:*
<https://zoom.us/j/92316847530?pwd=TjdObHBvcnVTRWM4bWprS2QrenBnQT09> .
- **Thursday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, **Compline:** *join at*
<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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