

Sunday 27 October 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come into this place together:

1: We come to listen for God's voice 2: We come trusting that God listens to us

Minister: Come into this time together:

1:We come to focus on the One who cannot be contained in our places 2: We come trusting the One who cannot be limited by our words

Minister: Come, for God is present:All: and we trust we will meet God here.

HYMN

Father into Your courts I will enter:

Maker of Heaven and Earth, I tremble in Your holy presence; glory, glory in Your sanctuary, splendour and majesty, Lord, before You; all life adores You.

All the Earth will declare that Your love is everywhere. The fields will exalt, seas resound; hear the trees joyful cry praising You, and so will I. A new song I'll sing. Lord, I will glorify and bless Your holy name.

Jesus, Lord of all life and salvation, into Your presence we come; we worship You, our precious Saviour; fill us, fill us with Your Holy power; set us aflame with Your love 'til nations all know Your glory.

All the Earth will declare that Your love is everywhere.
The fields will exalt, seas resound; hear the trees joyful cry praising You, and so will I.
A new song I'll sing.
Lord, I will glorify and bless Your holy name. (Repeat)

Glorify and bless Your name
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Glorify and bless Your holy name
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PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL AGE TIME

HYMN Our God is a great big God,

our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God and He holds us in His hands. (repeat) He's higher than a skyscraper and He's deeper than a submarine. He's wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams. And He's known me and He's loved me since before the world began. How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

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SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 5:1-6;

When Hiram king of Tyre heard that Solomon had been anointed king to succeed his father David, he sent his envoys to Solomon, because he had always been on friendly terms with David. Solomon sent back this message to Hiram:

'You know that because of the wars waged against my father David from all sides, he could not build a temple for the Name of the Lord his God until the Lord put his enemies under his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the Lord my God, as the Lord told my father David, when he said, "Your son whom I will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name." 'So give orders that cedars of Lebanon be cut for me. My men will work with yours, and I will pay you for your men whatever wages you set. You know that we have no one so skilled in felling timber as the Sidonians.'

1 Kings 8:22-30

 ${f T}$ hen Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven and said: 'Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it - as it is today. 'Now Lord, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done." And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. 'But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

1 Kings 8:41-43

'As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm – when they come and pray towards this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling-place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

HYMN My hope is built on nothing less,

than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (REPEAT)

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.
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SERMON

HYMN CH4 542

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

in living echoes of Your tone; as You have sought, so let me seek Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Your hungering ones with manna sweet. O fill me with Your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as You will, and when, and where, until at last Your face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

HYMN CH4 152 Ye servants of God,

your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh, His presence we have; the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.

'Salvation to God who sits on the throne!'
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him His right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love. Amen, Amen.

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