

Sunday 31 August
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

In difficult times we come to be strengthened
through prayer, word and action.

As we gather this day,

may we open our eyes to the needs of this world,
may we open our ears to the cries of our sisters and brothers,

may we open our hearts to love one another
through thick and thin.

Let us worship the Lord God together.

HYMN GWA 47

Come all you wounded and weary

Come all you heavy of heart
Come with your fear and your burden
Come with your pain and your scars

Come to the ocean of mercy
Be revived, renewed and refreshed
Wherever you are, no matter how far
Come find your peace and your rest

You are welcome here, come as you are
You are welcome here, with open arms
Bring your burdens, bring your pain
Bring your sorrow and shame
You are welcome here, come as you are

Come all you tired and lonely
All you anxious who long for your place
Bring your addictions and battles
Find your forgiveness and strength

You are welcome here, come as you are
You are welcome here, with open arms
Bring your burdens, bring your pain
Bring your sorrow and shame
You are welcome here, come as you are

Open your heart
Discover your place and your purpose
Open your eyes
See the new life that awaits you here

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PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN CH4 547

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry,

everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,

oh, what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,

is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

cumbered with a load of care?

Jesus is our only refuge:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield you;

you will find a solace there.

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ALL AGE TIME

HYMN MP 769

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?

Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?

Who will leave the world's side? Who will face
the foe?

Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?

By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are
Thine!

Not for weight of glory, nor for crown and palm,

Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;

But for love that claimeth lives for whom He
died:

He whom Jesus saveth marches on His side.

By Thy love constraining, by Thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are
Thine!

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the
foe,

But the King's own army none can overthrow;
'Round His standard ranging, vict'ry is secure,
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph
sure.

Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are
Thine!

Chosen to be soldiers, in an alien land,

Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's
band;

In the service royal, let us not grow cold,

Let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.

Master, wilt Thou keep us, by Thy grace divine,

Always on the Lord's side—Saviour, always
Thine!

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Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Matthew 10:28-31

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

ALL AGE TIME

HYMN

In the darkness God will keep me.

He will stay and never sleep.
In the darkness God is brighter.
Though the night is long and deep.

*All this day Your hand has held me.
God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank You, Father, for Your goodness.
You will hold me through the night.*

In the shadows, You are with me.
And You know my ev'ry fear.
In the shadows, none can harm me.
For the mighty King is here.

So I find my rest in Jesus.
He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness,
I will rise to life with Him.
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ALL AGE TIME

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN CH4 465

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own I would be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor earth's empty praise:
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only,
the first in my heart;
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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