

HYMN 573 Son of God, eternal Saviour

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

None of us can predict what this week may bring, but there is one certainty: the resources of the God, who engineered the whole universe, will be there for you.

You may be tested, you may suffer, you may waver and become weary, but you will not finally be overcome. God is your strength and salvation.

Amen! God is our strength and salvation!

The blessing of God all-loving, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you today and evermore. **Amen**

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

POSTLUDE Postlude pour l'Office de Complies
Jehan Alain 1911-1940

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

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Please join us for tea and coffee and fellowship in the Lounge after the service.

Pentecost 20

11th October 2015

The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our purpose is awesome: Let us worship God.

God is in his holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence

We do not come before God like frightened supplicants, but as those who are confident that they are wonderfully loved.

Our high priest is Jesus, tempted as we are yet without sin, who is able to sympathise with our human weaknesses.

Let us then boldly draw near to the throne of grace, that we may be welcomed with mercy and obtain assistance in every moment of need.

HYMN 2 Christ, whose glory fills the sky

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Most loving God you are far more majestic than human mind can ever conceive, and more loving than our deepest feelings can ever explore. Yet we want to offer you the best we can do in thought and devotion, and offer the enthusiasm of our songs and prayers. Holy are you, wonderful are you, God of time and eternity!

**Glory and honour, thanksgiving and praise,
belong to you now and always. Amen!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our complicity in the evil of our nation and world, and those personal sins which both frustrate and shame us. Let us pray.

Merciful God, look kindly upon your human family, we pray. By your irrepressible grace, mend the brokenness that inevitably follows our sinning.

If we have been quietly wilful or openly rebellious, sending waves of unhappiness among the lives of those around us,
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have become infected by the cheap values and selfish goals of the advertising industry and have found ourselves aping them:
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have allowed our faith to be eroded by the endless chatter of critics who have nothing to offer except their own sour grapes:
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have become so caught up in trivial pursuits that we have little time left for holy wonder and spiritual growth:
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have been wounded by the spite of others, and have turned in on ourselves, nursing our injuries and brooding over revenge:
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have participated in wrongdoing for so long that we no longer feel any regret or desire for repentance;
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

Jesus Christ, friend of sinners, please never let go of us. Forgive our failings and help us to make amends where we have harmed others. Call us back to the disciplines that flow from faith, that in loving you and one another, we may find that peace and joy for which we were built.
Through your love and to the praise of your holy name. **Amen**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way that we are, and is now at the throne of grace presenting to God our case for mercy. Therefore, we can approach God's throne in confidence. Christ is God's word of absolution. With confidence rejoice at this throne of grace, having received mercy and grace to cover all your sin. Our sins are forgiven **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for those whose misery is the result of the wilful action of others; the victims of hatred and violence, war and persecution, crime and apathy, greed and exploitation, road rage, or drugs and alcohol.

Please bless them, with our help or without it, according to your overriding wisdom and love.

We pray for those who are on the front line in serving others. Police officers and social workers, overseas aid workers and peace keepers, nurses and doctors, ambulance officers and counsellors, pharmacists and parents, teachers and magistrates. **Please bless them, with our help or without it, that they may be kept from chronic weariness or cynicism.**

We pray for those who work hard to keep the church wide open, both to the Gospel and to the world's needs. Committee members and hospital visitors, secretaries and editors of church newspapers, theologians and treasurers, parish ministers and evangelists, youth workers and street priests, denominational leaders and social justice campaigners.

Please bless them, with our help or without it, that the witness to the word and way of Christ may never be dimmed.

We pray for those among us who feel burdened or distressed today. Any who are dealing with bad news, poor health, tense relationships, suffering, sorrow or any other hardship. **Please bless them, with or without our help, that they may find the extra resources and guidance that they need.**

Most holy God, we thank you that our prayers are heard before we even express them. May our deeds embody our prayers, and our prayers become more aware because of our deeds. We offer our prayers in the name of Christ Jesus our teacher and liberator. **Amen**

And let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Printed inside front cover of hymn book)*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

COLLECT

Loving God, as we wend our way through this market-place of life,
may we keep our eyes fixed on Christ Jesus.

Let nothing tawdry distract us, no cheap value seduce us, no voice bully us, and no threat frighten us.

Inspire us to keep our commitment as unconditional as is humanly possible, and to draw nearer to that goal which is divinely assured.

Through the same Jesus Christ, whose grace is made perfect in human weakness. **Amen**

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the // Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and / ever // shall be
world without / end / A / men.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4: 12-16

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Jesu, dulcis memoria T.L. de Victoria 1548-1611

Translation:
Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast!
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy Presence rest.

Please stand for and face the gospel

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 17-31

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 624 With joy we meditate the grace

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.
Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For your generous love we thank you, dear God.
For your generous openness to all our fears and failings
And to all our uncertainties we thank you.
May this money become part of the great work
of your new world and shape the beloved community. **Amen**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Brother James' Air arr. Gordon Jacob 1895-1984

The children are invited to go with Jenny to the lounge for special activities.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your word of love, O God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

In this is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

PSALM 22: 1-15

- 1 My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
- 3 And thou continest holy O thou worship of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in thee they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They called upon thee, and were holpen
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
- 8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand
and there is none to help me.
- 12 Many oxen are come about me
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my
gums and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

Please stand for the concluding Gloria