

God be with you, in the wonder of earth, and sea, and sky.
Christ be with you, in the open-hearted joy of service.
Holy Spirit be with you, in the simple reassurance:
you are part of life. **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 Fantasia in g minor J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

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| Presiding Minister | Rev Jana Norman |
| Scripture Reader | Brian J Ward |
| Organist & Choir Director | Peter Kelsall |
| Assistant Organist | Christopher Bridge |

The Choir of Pilgrim Church
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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*

Pentecost 21

18 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

Here we will stop to consider
how the world goes on around us,
constantly renewing itself in wondrous ways.

We have not set this in motion,
We are not responsible for it,
nor even in charge of it.

But we are part of it;
blessed by its beauty
and encouraged by its resilience.

**Here we will stop to give thanks
and to consider our place in God's great world.**

HYMN 555 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
So sings the psalmist,
and we join the song of wonder and awe.
Make your creating, sustaining presence
known to us here in our time together,
so that in all times and places
**we will remember that in you
we live and move and have our being. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deal gently with us, Loving God,
for we have a tendency towards waywardness,
a proclivity for ignorance,
an aversion to sacrifice:
even when called upon to give
as we have received.

Help us to put aside any arrogance
that seduces us away from a wondering mind
and an open heart.

**For there is always more to learn
about love and faithfulness.**

Help us to put aside any fear
that leads us to seek control
when cooperation is required.
**For there is always more to understand
about the connectedness of all life,
together with you, Source of Life.**

Help us to put aside any greed
that drives us to grasp and hoard
instead of sharing and giving of ourselves.
**For there is always more to offer
from the deep wells of grace.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray that our asking, in this time of prayer,
may be the fulfilment of our need
because in the asking we are awakened to new understanding.

Loving God, we ask for relief for those who suffer
illness, loss, or distress.

**Give us new understanding of our role
in encouraging others.
Help us to honour our connections to each other.**

Loving God, we ask for reordering of power
so that the last may be first,
and the first may be generous and open.

**Give us new courage to dismantle exclusivity
and build interdependency instead.
Help us to honour our responsibility for each other.**

Loving God, we ask for reconciliation and renewal
of the whole creation.

**Give us new wisdom
to relate well to all the species of Earth.
Help us to honour the place of all in the web of life.**

Loving God, give us the cup of shared destiny
for we are all in this together;

Help us to honour the unity of all things, Ground of our Being. Amen

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

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 311 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour omit vs 4

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WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

We do not go out from here the same as when we gathered.
We are expanded by wonder,
but also right-sized to fit our good place in God's world.

**We turn outwards to serve a world
in which we are fully a part,
and yet only a part.**

Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria

**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 5: 1-10

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

ANTHEM Awake us, Lord, and hasten J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Please stand 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: 35-45

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

HYMN 574 Songs of praise the angels sang

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 442 God is Love Tune: Abbot's Leigh 418

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The world is so vast and its needs are so great.

But let us not be discouraged:

We have a part to play in God's love for the world.

Our giving makes us participants

in the great cycles of blessing at the heart of creation.

May our gifts bless those who receive;

may our giving bless us with gratitude

for the opportunity to serve. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The earth is set on strong foundations.

The waters stay within their bounds.

The sun wraps the world in light, like a garment.

All is well with the world, at its deepest points.

All is well with us, at our deepest points,

for by the grace of God we are accepted and acceptable. **Amen**

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

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

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Not unto us, O Lord T.A. Walmisley 1814-1856

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word of wisdom, O God. **Amen**

FIRST READING Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 24-34

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also wherein are things creeping
innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them they gather it
and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled when thou takest away their
breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him
if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live
I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him my joy shall be in the Lord.