

Pilgrim at 11

Pentecost 10

13 August 2017

*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

On this winter's morning, it is good to be together!
Drawn by the warmth of faces familiar and new,
to the welcoming space of this sacred place.
It is good to be here because God is here,
lovingly blessing us as we gather.

It is good to be here because Christ is here
whenever two or three meet in his name.

It is good to be here because the Spirit is here,
leading us into the only truth that really matters. *(Bruce Prewer)*

In this safe place let us open ourselves
to new understanding, reassurance, and hope

For this is a place where truth, love, and challenge meet. *BCheatham/adapt.*

May our spirits be renewed.

May our minds be open to new truth.

May we give thanks for this life we are blessed to share.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 534

O for a thousand tongues to sing omit vs 3

Tune: Richmond 424

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GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of God's Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms.

Storms caused by suspicion and distrust of others,

Storms caused by fear of losing power, or striving to gain power.

Storms caused by our unwillingness for our lives to be guided by love.

As we open ourselves to the values of your reign, O God,

we discover a new way of seeing ourselves:

to know ourselves as beloved and called to a new way.

And to see 'the other' - whoever they may be - as dignified and precious and beloved.

We long to know peace and calm, as we loosen our hold on fear and power.

(John van de Laar, Sacredise, adapted)

A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said to Peter, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

And so we take heart, knowing that we will not be put to shame by our faults, shortcomings or doubts.

God forgives us and accepts us, calling us as we are,

that we may grow into the likeness of Christ,

to be good news to the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

The children are invited to come forward for the Baptism.

After the Baptism there will be quiet activities for the children in the western chapel.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Lord, I trust thee

G.F. Handel 1685-1759

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.

Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way.

Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 627

Ye servants of God

The white baptismal candle is lit from the Christ candle and presented to Stella's parents:

Stella, you belong to Christ, the light of the world. Walk always as a child of the light.

BENEDICTION

We are now sent from here in the name of Jesus Christ, to serve the God who cherishes us, and to trust the Spirit who nurtures us, and to walk always as a child of the light.

And as we go:

May the God of love who shared love strengthen us in our love for others.

May the Son who shared his life grant us grace that we might share our life.

And may the Holy Spirit indwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. 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

Fugue in D major

G.F. Handel

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Presiding Minister

Rev Sandy Boyce

Scripture Reader

June Ward

Organist & Choir Director

Peter Kelsall

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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HYMN 233 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 413 Eternal Father, strong to save

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To bless these gifts, we remember gifts we have received through the generosity of others.

Silence for reflection

As we have received, we now give, asking God to bless us as well as the gifts so that, together, we become good news to the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each year, the World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches call member churches to pray for peace and unity in Korea on the Sunday before 15 August every year. This is the day celebrated as Liberation Day in both North and South Korea and is the date in 1945 when Korea won independence from Japanese occupation. It also marks the day when the Korean peninsula was divided into two countries. This year's theme is Romans 14:19: "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." The prayers have been prepared by the National Council of Churches in Korea (South Korea) and the Korean Christian Federation (North Korea).

God of grace....
God who rules history....
God who leads peace....
God who gives hope....
God of grace....

Open our hearts to the wider world,
gracious and loving God in whom there
are no distinctions between peoples, only your children.

We offer silent prayers for our own hurts, hopes, fears and longings and for those we love....

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

FIRST READING Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

1 Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name
tell the people what things he hath done.
2 O let your songs be of him,
and praise him and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
3 Rejoice in his holy Name let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
4 Seek the Lord and his strength seek his face evermore.
5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done
his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant ye children of Jacob his chosen.
16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land
and destroyed all the provision of bread.
17 But he had sent a man before them
even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;
18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks the iron entered into his soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known
the word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent, and delivered him the prince of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord also of his house and ruler of all his substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will;
and teach his senators wisdom.
45 That they might keep his statutes: and observe his laws.

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**

Please stand for and face the gospel

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14: 22-33

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ