

Sunday 18th. June, 2023 11.00 am

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 263 God of freedom, God of justice,

- 1 God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
Christ who saw the dark of prison,
Christ who knew the price of faith :
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.
- 2 Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood ;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed both tears and blood ;
move in us the power of pity
to pursue the common good.
- 3 Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead ;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed —
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Hymn 224 The spring has come,

- 1 The spring has come,
let all the Church be part of it !
The world has changed,
and God is at the heart of it !
New light, new day,
new colour after winter grey,
new light, new day,
the spring has come,
let all the Church be part of it !
- 2 The sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it !
The world expands,
let's spread the Gospel way in it !
New leaf, new thrust,
new greening for the love of Christ,
new leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it !
- 3 The spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it !
Through wind and rain,
new life is in the showers of it !
New bud, new shoot,
new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit,
new bud, new shoot,
the spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it !

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Genesis 18:1-15

St. Matthew 9:35-10:8

Hymn 76 How can I ever thank the Lord (Psalm 116)

- 1 How can I ever thank the Lord
for all his gifts to me?
I'll raise salvation's cup, and call
on God's name joyfully.
- 2 I'll bring you offerings of thanks,
call on the name of God;
fulfil my promises among
the people of the Lord.
- 3 I'll pay my vows in God's own house,
the temple of the Lord,
there in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise God with one accord!

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 396 And can it be, that I should gain

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- 2 'Tis mystery all : the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

- 3 He left his Father's throne above -
So free, so infinite his grace -
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)