

Sunday 20th August, 2023 11.00 am

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 378 Praise to the Holiest in the height,

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
- 4 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
- 5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
- 6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 522 The Church is wherever God's people are
praising,**

- 1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.
- 2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.
- 3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are --
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.
- 4 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

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Genesis 45:1-15

St. Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn - How good and how pleasant it is

1 How good and how pleasant it is
When we all live in unity
Refreshing as dew at the dawn
Like rare anointing oil upon the head

*It's so good, so good
When we live together
In peace and harmony
It's so good, so good
When we live together in his love*

2 How deep are the rivers that run
When we are one in Jesus
And share with the Father and Son
The blessings of his everlasting life

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 646 Forth in the peace of Christ we go:

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

2 King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth,
This world of time to consecrate,
Our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.

4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word;
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

5 We are his Church; he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)