

Sunday 10th September, 2023 11.00 am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dedication of the Praise Team

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 677 In the name of Christ we gather,

- 1 In the name of Christ we gather,
in the name of Christ we sing,
as we celebrate the promise
of your servant's offering,
here ordained to lead God's people
at the Gospel's beckoning.
- 2 Sons and daughters of the Spirit,
we are called to teach and care,
called as were the first disciples,
Christ's own ministry to share,
and in bread and wine and water
sacraments of grace declare.
- 3 In our preaching, praying, caring
may your word spring into life;
in our time of doubt and challenge,
may its truth affirm belief;
and in days of pain and darkness,
may it heal our guilt and grief.
- 4 Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,
more than lover, parent, friend,
born in Jesus, born in Mary,
born in us, that love extend,
grow within your chosen servant(s),
life of God that has no end!

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Dedication of Praise Team



Statement

The gift of God's free grace puts a new song in our mouths.
We praise God that through music we can express something
of the glory we have seen,
the victory we share,
and the joy we know.

Minister to Praise Team: Do you promise, as musicians that with the help of God you will by prayer and example lead the people in your midst to worship God, with the love that Christ has shown you?

Praise Team: *With the help of God, we will.*

Minister to Congregation: As Christ's people in this place, will you continue to support the Praise Team offering encouragement and praise, fellowship and friendship?

Congregation: *With the help of God, we will.*

Children's Address

Hymn 771 If you believe and I believe

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free.

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Exodus 12:1-14 Duncan Mackintosh

Hymn 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

John L. Bell(b.1949) and Graham Maule(b.1958)

Romans 13:8-14

St. Matthew 18:15-20

Anthem

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 601 Look upon us, blessed Lord,

1 Look upon us, blessèd Lord,
Take our wandering thoughts and guide us;
We have come to hear your Word,
With your teaching now provide us,
That, from earth's distractions turning,
We your message may be learning.

2 For your Spirit's radiance bright
We, assembled here, are hoping;
when we live without your light,
In the dark our souls are groping:
In word, deed, and thought direct us:
only you, Lord can correct us.

3 Brightness of the Father's face,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Make us ready in this place;
Ear and heart await your leading.
In our study, prayers, and praising,
May our souls find their upraising.

Tobias Clausnitzer(1619-1684) translated R A S Macalister(1870-1950)

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)