

Sunday 22nd October, 2023 11.00 am

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Guest Preacher: Rev. Gordon R Mackenzie, B.Sc. Agr., B.D.

Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E.

Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 50 (Psalm 78)

- 1 The praises of the Lord our God,
and his almighty strength,
the wondrous works that he hath done,
we will show forth at length.
- 2 His testimony and his law
in Israel he did place,
and charged forebears it to show
to their succeeding race;
- 3 So the race which was to come
might learn and know them well
and generations yet unborn,
might their own children tell:
- 4 That they might set their hope in God,
and not forget his ways,
but hold in mind His mighty works
and keep his laws always.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 185

- 1 Come, children, join and sing
alleluia! amen!
loud praise to Christ our king,
alleluia! amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
alleluia! amen!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high,
alleluia! amen!
let praises fill the sky;
alleluia! amen!
He is our guide and friend,
on him we can depend;
his love shall never end:
alleluia! amen!
- 3 Sing praises loud and long;
alleluia! amen!
life shall not end the song;
alleluia! amen!
on heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore,
alleluia! amen!

Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 2-7

Hymn 290

- 1 The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious light:
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.
- 2 To us a child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.
- 3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.
- 4 His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

St John, Chapter 4, verses 7-26

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 521

- 1 Children of God, reach out to one another!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
- 2 For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
the holier worship which God deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.
- 3 Follow with reverent steps the great example
of him whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
- 4 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
of wild-war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)