

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 11.00 am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Welcome & Intimations

### Introit

### Call to Worship

## Hymn 638 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,

- 1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends ;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication,  
ours a commitment we know never ends.
- 2 Here at your table, confirm our intention,  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace ;  
teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.
- 3 When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.
- 4 So, in the world, where each duty assigned us  
gives us the chance to create or destroy,  
help us to make those decisions that bind us,  
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

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### Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Approach and Confession

### Children's Address

## Hymn 506 All I once held dear, built my life upon,

- 1 All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.  
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.*
- 2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.  
*Chorus*
- 3 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.  
*Chorus*

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## Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

## Hymn 10 The stars declare his glory; (Psalm 19)

- 1 The stars declare his glory ;  
the vault of heaven springs  
mute witness of the Master's hand  
in all created things,  
and through the silences of space  
their soundless music sings.

- 2 The dawn returns in splendour,  
the heavens burn and blaze,  
the rising sun renews the race  
that measures all our days,  
and writes in fire across the skies  
God's majesty and praise.
- 3 So shine the Lord's commandments  
to make the simple wise ;  
more sweet than honey to the taste,  
more rich than any prize,  
a law of love within our hearts,  
a light before our eyes.
- 4 So order too this life of mine,  
direct it all my days ;  
may meditations of my heart  
be innocence and praise,  
my rock and my redeeming Lord,  
in all my words and ways.

based on Psalm 19 Timothy Dudley-Smith (*b.* 1926)

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**Philippians 3:4b-14**  
**St. Matthew 21:33-46**

**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 248 "For my sake and the gospel's, go"**

- 1 'For My sake and the gospel's, go  
And tell redemption's story!  
His heralds answer, 'Be it so,  
And Thine, Lord, all the glory!  
They preach His birth, His life, His cross,  
The love of His atonement,  
For whom they count the world but loss,  
His Easter, His enthronement.
- 2 Hark, hark, the trump of jubilee  
Proclaims to every nation,  
From pole to pole, by land and sea,  
Glad tidings of salvation:  
Still on and on the anthems spread  
Of alleluia voices;  
In concert with the holy dead,  
The warrior church rejoices.
- 3 He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns  
The last of time's evangels,  
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,  
The Lord of saints and angels:  
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,  
Triune, who changest never,  
The throne of God and of the Lamb  
is Thine, and Thine for ever.

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**Benediction**

**Choral Amen (3-fold)**