

Sunday 28th April, 2024 11.00 am

The fifth Sunday after Easter

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 193 God is love, his the care**

- 1 God is love: his the care,  
tending each, everywhere.  
God is love — all is there!  
Jesus came to show him,  
that we all might know him:  
*Sing aloud, loud, loud!*  
*Sing aloud, loud, loud!*  
*God is good!*  
*God is truth!*  
*God is beauty! Praise him!*
- 2 None can see God above;  
all must here learn to love,  
thus may we Godward move,  
finding him in others,  
sisters all, and brothers:  
*Chorus*
- 3 Jesus shared joy and pain,  
lived and died, rose again,  
rules our hearts, now as then;  
for he came to save us

by the truth he gave us:

*Chorus*

- 4 To our Lord praise we sing -  
light and life, friend and king,  
coming down love to bring,  
pattern for our duty,  
showing God in beauty:

*Chorus*

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn The little light of mine**

This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love;  
On Tuesday, peace came from above.  
On Wednesday told me to have more faith;  
On Thursday, gave me a little more grace.  
On Friday, told me to watch and pray  
On Saturday, told me just what to say,  
On Sunday, gave the power divine

Just to let my little light shine.

This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### **Presentation**

**Acts 8:26-40**

**St. John:15 1-8**

### **Anthem**

### **Sermon**

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray

### **Hymn 342 Says Jesus, 'Come and gather round**

1. Says Jesus, 'Come and gather round. I want to teach my friends some truths about the love I bring, the love that never ends.  
Look to the child, here in your midst, who has so much and more to say of what it means to follow me, to come and walk my way.'

2. Christ speaks to us who, growing old, get burdened down with care ; while caution reigns, we seldom see God's presence everywhere.  
He points to gifts that children bring — the will to risk, the trust to dare, through which, no matter where we are, we'll find God always there.
3. When was it that we first forgot that questions helped us grow, or lost the openness to ask and learn what we don't know ?  
Christ points to gifts that children bring, the searching heart and lively mind which let God's kingdom grow in those who seek until they find.
4. Lord Jesus, we have gathered round to hear you teach your friends the truths about the love you bring, the love that never ends.  
We look to children in our midst, for they have much and more to say, and join with them to follow you, to live and walk your way (Leith Fisher (1941)

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

#### **Hymn 562 Through the love of God, our Saviour**

1. Through the love of God our Saviour,  
All will be well;  
Free and changeless is His favour,  
All, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

2. Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
All, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding;  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding:  
All must be well.

3. We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
All, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying;  
Or in living or in dying;  
All must be well.

(Mary Peters 1813-1856)

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)