

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 11.00 am

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

### Hymn 18 'The earth belongs to God alone' (Psalm 24)

1. The earth belongs to God alone  
and all that it contains;  
the world and its inhabitants  
God's steadfast love maintains.
2. The Lord who brought the world to birth  
laid earth's foundations sure,  
and firm within the surging seas  
established them secure.
3. Who, then, are those who shall ascend  
the holy hill of God?  
And who is fit to stand within  
the presence of the Lord?
4. All those whose hands and hearts are clean,  
with no room in their mind  
for worthless vanities or vows  
of a deceitful kind.

5. These are the people who receive  
a blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication for their ways  
from God, their saving God.

6. O God of Jacob, help us all  
who gather in this place,  
to seek your presence with us now:  
we yearn to see your face.

*Psalm 24, verses 1-6*

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Children's Address**

### Hymn 181 'For the beauty of the earth,'

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
**Christ, our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light

**Chorus**

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,

for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:

**Chorus**

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

**Chorus**

5. For each perfect gift and sign  
of our love so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

**Chorus**

*Folliott Sandford Pierpont (1835-1917)*

**Acts 2: 14-36**

**Hymn 165 'Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth:'**

1. Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth:  
cycles of season and reason and birth,  
contrasts in outlook and landscape and need,  
challenge of famine, pollution, and greed.
2. Praise to the Lord for the progress of life:  
cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife,  
pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age,  
questions in step with experience and stage.
3. Praise to the Lord for his care of our kind:  
faith for the faithless and sight for the blind,  
healing, acceptance, disturbance and change,

all the emotions through which our lives range.

4. Praise to the Lord for the people we meet,  
safe in our homes or at risk in the street:  
kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace,  
smile of a stranger and words full of grace.
5. Praise to the Lord for the carpenter's son,  
dovetailing worship and work into one:  
tradesman and teacher and vagrant and friend,  
source of all life in the world without end.

*John L Bell and Graham Maule*

**1 Peter 1: 13-21**

**Hymn 154 'O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder'**

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
'How great thou art, how great thou art!'***  
***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
'How great thou art, how great thou art!'***
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:  
**Chorus**
3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing  
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,  
that on a cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

### **Chorus**

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

### **Chorus**

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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 472 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus,'**

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a King,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)