

Sunday 8th September, 2024 11.00 am
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dedication of Praise Team

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 685 For everyone born, a place at the table,

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

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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 522 The Church is wherever God's people are
praising,**

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are --
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

Carol Rose Ikeler(b.1920)

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Anthem

St. Mark 7:24-37

Hymn 195 Here to the house of God we come,

1 Here to the house of God we come,
home of the people of the Way,
here to give thanks for all we have,
naming our needs for every day,
we who have roof and rent and bread,
sure of a place to rest our head.

2 There is a knocking at our door,
sound of the homeless of the world,
voice of the frightened refugee,
cry of the children in the cold,
asking the least that is their right,
safety and shelter for the night.

3 God who is shelter, who is home,
in borrowed rooms you came to live,
pleaded to save the dispossessed,
crucified, lay in borrowed grave,
these are no strangers in your eyes,
this is your family who cries.

4 Shelter us, tenants of your love,
gather us round a common fire,
warm us in company with Christ,
give us the heart to feel, to share
table and lodging without bond,
space in our living, in our land.

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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 706 For the healing of the nations,

- 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)