

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,**

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

All Age Address

**Hymn 448 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,**

- 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*
- 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Chorus*
- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Chorus*

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Anthem

St John 10:22-30

### Hymn 204 I am the Church, You are the Church!

*I am the church!* (With your thumb, point to yourself)  
*You are the church!* (Point to you partner)  
*We are the church together!* (Shake hands)  
*All who follow Jesus,* (Reach out with both hands)  
*All around the world,* (Circle arms over head)  
*Yes, we're the church together.* (Link arms)

1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people!  
*Chorus*

2 We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:  
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.  
*Chorus*

3 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:  
*Chorus*

4 At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit  
And told the good news through all the world to all who would hear it.  
*Chorus*

5 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;  
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:  
*Chorus*

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**All Age Address**

Presentation of Award

Dedication of 268 BB Awards Board

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 737 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?  
We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?  
*Chorus.*

3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
while your anchor holds within the veil.  
*Chorus.*

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
when life's storms are past for evermore?  
Chorus.

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### **National Anthem**

God save our gracious King  
Long live our noble King  
God save the King  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

### **Benediction**

**Choral Amen (3-fold)**