

Sunday 6th July, 2025
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

- Please ensure all **mobile phones** 📱 are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour or midweek service until 30th. July, 2025.
- **Tickets (£10/£6) for the concert in the Church in aid of SAMH on Saturday 16th August, 2025 at 6.45pm with Euan Russell & Friends are now available.**

Introit

Let us Worship God

Hymn 717 O Christ, the healer, we have come

- 1 O Christ, the Healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?
- 2 From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamour to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.
- 3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!

Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

- 4 In conflicts that destroy our health
We diagnose the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
- 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 692 Jesus put this song into our hearts,

- 1 Jesus put this song into our hearts,
Jesus put this song into our hearts,
It's a song of joy no one can take away,
Jesus put this song into our hearts.
- 2 Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Different faces, different races, He made us one,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.
- 3 Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Loving one another with the love that He gives,
Jesus taught us how to be a family.
- 4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,

Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy,
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

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2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.¹ Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.² She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'³ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.⁴ And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.⁵ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.'⁶ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'⁷ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'⁸ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.⁹ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'¹⁰ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!'¹¹ Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.¹² But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?'¹³ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

St. Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.¹ He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'² Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.³ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.⁴ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"⁵ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.⁶ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.⁷ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;⁸ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."⁹ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,¹⁰ "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."¹¹

¹² 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'¹³ The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!'¹⁴ He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.'¹⁵ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.¹⁶ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Hymn 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you,

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession and 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 111 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever living through eternity.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity.

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Benediction

Choral Amen