

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025*


**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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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 be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. August 2025** at **10am** followed by our **midweek Service** at **11.10am**.
- **Tickets (£10/£6)** for the concert in the Church in aid of **SAMH** on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2025** at **6.45pm** with **Euan Russell & Friends** are now available in the **Hall of Fellowship**.

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 261 Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation,**

- 1 Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation,  
Spirit of Life, by whom all things are made,  
through the thick darkness covering every nation,  
light to our blindness, come now to our aid!  
*Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.*
- 2 Races and peoples, still we stand divided,  
and, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;  
by wars and tumults Love is mocked, derided,  
his conquering cross no kingdom wills to bear.  
*Chorus*

- 3 Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,  
nation by nation still goes unforgiven;  
in wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,  
building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven.

*Chorus*

- 4 Lust of possession causes desolations;  
meekness is honoured nowhere on the earth.  
Led by no star, the rulers of the nations  
still fail to bring us to the blissful birth.

*Chorus*

- 5 How shall we love you, holy, hidden being,  
if we love not the world which you have made?  
Oh, give us purer love, for better seeing  
your Word made flesh and in a manger laid.

*Chorus*

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him (vv.1-3)**

- 1 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.
- 2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,

sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> The more I<sup>[a]</sup> called them,  
the more they went from me;<sup>[a]</sup>  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my<sup>[a]</sup> arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with bands of love.

I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks;<sup>[a]</sup>  
I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities,  
it consumes their oracle-priests,

and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me.  
To the Most High they call,  
but he does not raise them up at all.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;  
my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> They shall go after the LORD,  
who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
his children shall come trembling from the west.  
<sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

St. Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup> Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to

him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

### Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

### Prayers of Intercession

#### **Hymn 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,**

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,  
we now devote to you;  
let them your covenant mercies share,  
and your salvation true.
- 2 Such children you did once embrace,  
while dwelling here below;  
to us and ours, O God of grace,  
the same compassion show.
- 3 Dear Lord, your infant feet were found  
within your Father's shrine;  
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,  
were all alike divine.
- 4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,  
we seek your grace alone,  
in every stage of life and death,  
to keep us still your own.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

#### **Hymn 427 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the Cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
so that we, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the blessed Trinity.

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Benediction

Choral Amen