

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025**


**The Twelfth 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

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- 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**.
- **The Kirk Session** will meet in the **Cambridge Chapel on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025 at 7.30pm**.
- There will **NOT** be a **Vestry Hour** or a **midweek Service** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025**.

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 677 In the name of Christ we gather,**

- 1 In the name of Christ we gather,  
in the name of Christ we sing,  
as we celebrate the promise  
of your servant's offering,  
here ordained to lead God's people  
at the Gospel's beckoning.
- 2 Sons and daughters of the Spirit,  
we are called to teach and care,  
called as were the first disciples,  
Christ's own ministry to share,  
and in bread and wine and water  
sacraments of grace declare.

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In our preaching, praying, caring  
may your word spring into life;  
in our time of doubt and challenge,  
may its truth affirm belief;  
and in days of pain and darkness,  
may it heal our guilt and grief.  
Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,  
more than lover, parent, friend,  
born in Jesus, born in Mary,  
born in us, that love extend,  
grow within your chosen servant(s),  
life of God that has no end!

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 541 Lord, I pray, if today**

- 1 Lord, I pray, if today  
someone wrongs or troubles me,  
make me kind ; bring to mind  
that forgiveness makes us free.
- 2 Lord, I pray, if today  
joy should fill my heart with song,  
help me raise thanks and praise  
for your goodness, sure and strong.
- 3 Lord, today if I stray,  
show the road I ought to take.  
When I fear, Lord, be near ;  
hear my prayer for your love's sake.

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Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, 'Where is the LORD

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,

in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?'

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'

Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers<sup>[a]</sup> transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the LORD,

and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,

<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

St. Luke 14:1,7-14

On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## Hymn 251 I the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?*  
*I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go Lord, if you lead me.*  
*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?*  
*I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go Lord, if you lead me.*  
*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?*  
*I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go Lord, if you lead me.*  
*I will hold your people in my heart.*  
Daniel L. Schutte(b.1947)

## Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers 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 122 Let all the world in every corner sing

1 Let all the world in every corner sing:  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing:  
My God and King!

2 Let all the world in every corner sing:  
My God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing:  
My God and King!

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Benediction

Choral Amen