

Sunday 2nd November, 2025

The Twenty-first 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.

Welcome & 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**.
- **LODGING HOUSE MISSION CHRISTMAS CARDS** – **Once again we will be selling Christmas Cards on behalf of the Lodging House Mission.** These will be available today **in the Hall of Fellowship**. We will also be happy to accept monetary donations which help to offset the cost of meals which the Lodging House Mission provides on a daily basis to homeless people.
- The **Ticket Office** for the **Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus Christmas Concert** is open at **Cadder South Hall** on **Wednesdays and Fridays** between **10.00 am and 12 noon**.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet via ZOOM on **Tuesday 4th. November, 2025 at 7.30pm**
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** at 10 am on **Wednesday 5th. November, 2025** followed by our **midweek Service** at 11.10am.
- Next week (**09/11/25**) our **Remembrance Sunday Service** will begin at the earlier time of **10.45am**. There will be a **Retiring Collection** in aid of the **Earl Haig Fund**.
- **Copy for the December edition** of the Church magazine should be sent to the Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by **Sunday 16th. November, 2025**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place*
Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 178 God is good we sing and shout it,

*God is good, we sing and shout it.
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it.
God is good, we know it's true.
And when I think of His love for me,
My heart fills with praise
And I feel like dancing.
For in His heart there is room for me,
And I run with arms open wide.*

*God is good, we sing and shout it.
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it.
God is good, we know it's true. Hey!*

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Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

2 I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he^[a] will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.^[b]

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters,^[b] as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 542 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

- 1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.
- 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungry ones with manna sweet.
- 3 O strengthen me, that, while I stand
firm on the rock, secure but free,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
- 4 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

5 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

6 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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St. Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Anthem

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 710 ‘I have a dream,’ a man once said

1 “I have a dream”, a man once said,
“where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.”

2 But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

3 Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

4 So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don’t ease the pain:
unless there’s action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

5 Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don’t let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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Benediction

Choral Amen