

Sunday 19th October 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Guest Preacher: Rev. Janet Mathieson M.A., B.D., A.L.C.M., P.G.S.E.

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

- We welcome Rev. Janet S Mathieson, M.A., B.D., A.L.C.M., P.G.S.E. again to our Pulpit this morning.
- 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**.
- There will **NOT** be a **Vestry Hour** or a **midweek Service** on **Wednesday 22nd OCTOBER 2025**.
- **LODGING HOUSE MISSION CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Once again we will be selling Christmas Cards on behalf of the Lodging House Mission. These will be available from the **26th October 2025** 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**.
- Our **Annual Dedication Service** for the **Boys' and Girls' Brigades** will be on **Sunday 26th October 2025** at **11.00 am**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 59 Oh, come, and let us to the Lord (Psalm 95)

- 1 Oh, come, and let us to the Lord
in songs our voices raise,
with joyful noise let us the Rock
of our salvation praise.
- 2 Let us before his presence come
with praise and thankful voice ;
let us sing psalms to him with grace,
and make a joyful noise :
- 3 For God, a great God, and great King,
above all gods he is.
Depths of the earth are in his hand,
the strength of hills is his.
- 4 To him the spacious sea belongs,
for he the same did make ;
the dry land also from his hands
its form at first did take.
- 5 Oh, come, and let us worship him,
let us bow down withal,
and on our knees before the Lord
our Maker let us fall.

Psalm 95, verses 1-6 verse 1: *The Irish Presbyterian Psalter*
verses 2-6: *The Scottish Psalter, 1929* Reproduced from CH4 CD-ROM edition, number 59

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

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.

Children's Address - Holiday Presents

ST MATTHEW, Chapter 28, verses 16-20

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'^[a]

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

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Acts, Chapter 27, verses 1-26, 39-44 (read by Tom Noon)

Paul Sails for Rome

27 When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. ² Embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³ The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, and allowed him to go to his friends to be cared for. ⁴ Putting out to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵ After we had sailed across the sea that is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶ There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship bound for Italy and put us on board. ⁷ We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind was against us, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸ Sailing past it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

⁹ Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, ¹⁰ saying, 'Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.' ¹¹ But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹² Since the harbour was not suitable for spending the winter, the majority was in favour of putting to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbour of Crete, facing south-west and north-west.

The Storm at Sea

¹³ When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴ But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete.^[a] ¹⁵ Since the ship was caught and could not be turned with its head to the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. ¹⁶ By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda^[b] we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up they took measures^[c] to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea-anchor and so were driven. ¹⁸ We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹ and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²² I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." ²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we will have to run aground on some island.'

The Shipwreck

³⁹ In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef,^[a] they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; ⁴³ but the centurion, wishing to save Paul,

kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Acts, Chapter 28, verses 11-16, 23-30, (read by Euan Gibb)

Paul Arrives at Rome

¹¹ Three months later we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers as its figurehead. ¹² We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; ¹³ then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found believers^[a] and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ The believers^[b] from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

Paul Preaches in Rome

²³ After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. ²⁵ So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: 'The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

²⁶ "Go to this people and say,
You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them."

²⁸ Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the
Gentiles; they will listen.^[a]

³⁰ He lived there for two whole years at his own expense^[b] and welcomed all
who came to him,

Hymn 737 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,

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!*

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

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

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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The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 248 "For my sake and the gospel's, go"

1 'For My sake and the gospel's, go
And tell redemption's story!
His heralds answer, 'Be it so,
And Thine, Lord, all the glory!
They preach His birth, His life, His cross,
The love of His atonement,
For whom they count the world but loss,
His Easter, His enthronement.

2 Hark, hark, the trump of jubilee
Proclaims to every nation,
From pole to pole, by land and sea,
Glad tidings of salvation:
Still on and on the anthems spread
Of alleluia voices;
In concert with the holy dead,
The warrior church rejoices.

3 He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns
 The last of time's evangels,
 Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,
 The Lord of saints and angels:
 O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,
 Triune, who changest never,
 The throne of God and of the Lamb
 is Thine, and Thine for ever.

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Benediction

Choral Amen