

Sunday 16th November, 2025

The Twenty-third 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.
- **Copy for the December edition** of the Church magazine should be sent to the Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by **today at the latest**.
- 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**.
- There will be a **NOT** be **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 19th November, 2025** but our **midweek Service** will be at 11.10am.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 202 Stand up and bless the Lord;

1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
give thanks and glorify?

3 O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and praise his glorious name
both now and evermore.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 512 To God be the glory, great things he has done!

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
Who opened the life-gate that all may go in:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory—great things he has done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:
Chorus

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:
Chorus

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Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity,^[a]
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Hymn 241 Isaiah the prophet has written of old

1 Isaiah the prophet has written of old
how God's new creation shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;
and the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the lamb,
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.

2 The mountains and hills shall burst forth into song,
the peoples be led forth in peace,
for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
as the waters cover the sea, the sea,
as the waters cover the sea.

3 Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
and conflict turns parent from child.
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth,
and the brier and the thorn tree grow wild, grow wild,
the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.

4 God, bring to fruition your will for the earth,
that no one shall hurt or destroy,
that wisdom and justice shall reign in the land
and your people shall go forth in joy, in joy,
your people shall go forth in joy.

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St. Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!"^[a] and, "The time is near!"^[b] Do not go after them.'⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.'¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.'¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words^[c] and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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 449 Rejoice! the Lord is King,

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King.
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2 Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Chorus.

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Chorus.

4 He sits at God's right hand
 till all his foes submit,
 and bow to his command,
 and fall beneath his feet:
 Chorus.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
 Jesus the Judge shall come,
 and take his servants up
 to their eternal home:
 We then shall hear the archangel's voice
 the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

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Benediction

Choral Amen