

Sunday 3rd May, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter
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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**.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet in the Cambridge Chapel on **Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Cambridge Chapel.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour on **Wednesday 6th May 2026** but our midweek Service will be at **11.10am**.
- Copy for the next edition (June) of the Church magazine should be sent to the Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by Sunday 17/05/26 at the latest.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 129

‘The Lord is King! lift up your voice!’

- 1 The Lord is King! lift up your voice!
 Let earth and all the heavens rejoice.
 From world to world the joy shall ring,
 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

- 2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
 resist his will, distrust his care,
 or murmur at his wise decrees,
 or doubt his royal promises?

- 3 The Lord is King! child of the dust,
 the judge of all the earth is just;
 holy and true are all his ways;
 let every creature speak his praise.

- 4 Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
 Christ will present them at the throne;
 for he is at the Father's side,
 the Man of love, the Crucified.

- 5 One Lord, one empire, all secures;
 he reigns, and life and death are yours;
 through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 204 'I am the Church! You the Church!'

I am the church! (With your thumb, point to yourself)
You are the church! (Point to you partner)
We are the church together! (Shake hands)
All who follow Jesus, (Reach out with both hands)
All around the world, (Circle arms over head)
Yes, we're the church together. (Link arms)

1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people!

Chorus

2 We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Chorus

3 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

Chorus

4 At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the good news through all the world to all who would hear it.

Chorus

5 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:

Chorus

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Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.^[a]

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him^[b] will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',

⁸ and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,^[c] in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Hymn 543 ‘Longing for light, we wait in darkness.’

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Chorus

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Chorus

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Chorus

St. John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[e] for anything, I will do it.

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.

Hymn 739 The Church’s one foundation

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

- 2 Called forth from every nation,
 yet one o'er all the earth;
 her charter of salvation—
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 one holy name she blesses,
 and shares one holy food;
 as to one hope she presses
 with every grace endued.
- 3 In toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
 of peace for evermore:
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest;
and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest!
- 4 Yet she on earth has union
 with God the Three-in-One;
and mystic, sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

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Benediction

Choral Amen