

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday School Prize-giving**  
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**Welcome & Intimations**

- 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 be a Vestry Hour on Wednesday 24th June, 2026 at 10am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- Tickets for the **SAMH concert with Euan Russell & friends on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2026** are now available.

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,**

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    Forgive our foolish ways;  
    Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
    In purer lives thy service find,  
    In deeper reverence, praise.
  
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
    Beside the Syrian sea  
    The gracious calling of the Lord,  
    Let us, like them, without a word  
    Rise up and follow thee.
  
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
    O calm of hills above,  
    Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
    The silence of eternity,  
    Interpreted by love!
  
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all  
    Our words and works that drown  
    The tender whisper of thy call,  
    As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
    As fell thy manna down.
  
- 5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
    Till all our strivings cease;  
    Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
    And let our ordered lives confess  
    The beauty of thy peace.
  
- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    Thy coolness and thy balm;  
    Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
    Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
    O still small voice of calm!

## Call to Prayer

### Prayers of Approach and Confession

#### Address

#### Hymn 692 Jesus puts this song into our hearts,

1 Jesus puts this song into our hearts,  
Jesus puts this song into our hearts,  
It's a song of joy no one can take away,  
Jesus puts this song into our hearts.

2 Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Different faces, different races, He made us one,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.

3 Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Loving one another with the love that He gives,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family.

4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

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#### St. Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with<sup>[b]</sup> the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” <sup>31</sup> Then the father<sup>[d]</sup> said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”’

## Hymn 186 Father God, I wonder

1 Father God, I wonder  
how I managed to exist  
Without the knowledge of  
Your parenthood and Your loving care.  
But now I am Your child,  
I am adopted in Your family,  
And I can never be alone,  
'Cause Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
Forever more.  
I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
Forever more.

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## Address

### Sunday School Prize-giving

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and 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 685 For everyone born, a place at the table

- 1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.  
*And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*
- 2 For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

- 3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.
- 4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live.
- 5 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.

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### **Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**