

Sunday 1st November 2026
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
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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.
- **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.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall**.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7.30 pm via ZOOM**.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 10am** followed by our **midweek Service at 11.10am**.
- 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**.
- Next Sunday (8/11/26) – **Remembrance Sunday**, our Service will start at the earlier time of **10.45am**. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of Poppyscotland.
- **Copy for the December Edition** of the Church Magazine, “**The Record**” should be sent to the Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by **Sunday 15/11/26 at the latest**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 175 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

- 1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
 O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
 and glorify your name.
 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
 In you I will find the source of all my joy.
 Alleluia !
- 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
 O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
 and glorify your name.
 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
 In you I will find the source of all my joy.
 Alleluia !
- 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
 O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
 and glorify your name.
 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
 In you I will find the source of all my joy.
 Alleluia !

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 771 If you believe and I believe

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free.

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Joshua 3:7-17

⁷ And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'" ⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹ You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters,^[a] we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Anthem

St. Matthew 23:1-12

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,^[a] and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their

fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.^[b] ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.^[c] ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Hymn 394 He came to earth, not to be served

- 1 He came to earth, not to be served
 but gave his life to be a ransom for many.
 The Son of God, the Son of Man —
he shared our pain and bore our sins in his body.
 King of kings and Lord of lords,
 I lift my voice in praise : such amazing love !
 But I do believe this King has died for me.
- 2 And so I stand, a broken soul,
to see the pain that I have brought to Jesus ;
 a yielding heart will be consoled,
 and be made new, the joy of all believers.
- 3 And from now on, through all my days,
I vow to live each moment here for Jesus ;
 not looking back, but giving praise
 for all my Lord has done for this believer.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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 167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
 bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee.

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Benediction

Choral Amen