

Sunday 11th Octobe 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome & Intimations

- We welcome Rev. Janet S. Mathieson back to our Pulpit this morning.
 - 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.
- Tickets(£5) for the Guild Coffee morning on Saturday 24th October 2026 are on sale today, and then again on Sunday 18th. October, 2026.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour or a midweek Service on Wednesday 14th October 2026.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 482(i) Come, let us to the Lord our God

- 1 Come, let us to the Lord our God
 with contrite hearts return;
 our God is gracious, nor will leave
 the desolate to mourn.
- 2 His voice commands the tempest forth,
 and stills the stormy wave;
 his arm is sure and strong to smite,
 but also strong to save.
- 3 Long has the night of sorrow reigned,
 the dawn shall bring us light;
 God shall appear, and we shall rise
 with gladness in his sight.
- 4 Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
 shall know him and rejoice;
 his coming like the morn shall be,
 like morning songs his voice.
- 5 As dew upon the tender herb,
 diffusing fragrance round;
 as showers that usher in the spring,
 and cheer the thirsty ground:
- 6 So shall his presence bless our souls,
 and shed a joyful light;
 that hallowed morn shall chase away
 the sorrows of the night.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach 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. **AMEN.**

Children's Address

Hymn 564 Jesus loves me! this I know,

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes! Jesus loves me!

Yes! Jesus loves me!

Yes! Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! this I know
he loved children long ago;
he can always make me glad
even when I'm feeling sad.

Chorus

- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
he will always be my friend,
and his love will never end.

Chorus

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Isaiah 25:1-9

- O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hymn 15 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. (Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
* in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

** The third line of each verse is repeated.*

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Anthem

Sermon – *Called and Chosen*

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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The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 123 God is love: let heaven adore him; (Tune 120 Ode to Joy)

- 1 God is Love: let heaven adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love: and is enfolding
 all the world in one embrace:
 with unfailing grasp is holding
 every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
 under sorrow's iron rod,
 then they find that selfsame aching
 deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love, and though with blindness
 sin afflicts the souls of all,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
 o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
 o'er the universe must reign.

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Benediction

Choral Amen