Sunday 15th November 2026
The Twenty-fifth 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 –**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.
- **Tickets** are also available in the Hall of Fellowship today from members of the Fund Raising group **for the Taylor Fashions Evening on Monday 7th December in the Springfield Hall at 6.30 for 7pm.** Tickets are **£7** which includes a welcome drink. This is a good opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents/outfits. Brian Taylor makes this a very entertaining evening and there is no obligation to purchase any of the clothes available. **Tickets** for the **Advent Hamper** are also available at **£2.**
- **Copy for the December Edition** of the Church Magazine, **"The Record"** should be sent to the Editor**(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by today at the latest.**
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall.**
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 18th 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**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 662 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts ,

1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou light of life, thou fount of grace;
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to seek thy face..

2 Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lost is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Anonymous Latin, formerly ascribed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), tr Ray Palmer (1808-87)
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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 501 Take this moment, sign, and space;

1 Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

2 Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

3 Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget

4 Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in God's own mould.

5 Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

John L. Bell(b.1949) & Graham Maule(1958-2019)

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. **2** So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. **3** Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. **4** At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. **5** She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. **6** She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. **7** I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,[a] you do not need to have anything written to
you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say,
'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved,[b] are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are
drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Anthem

St. Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave
five talents,[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one
who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole
in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter
into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over
to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for
this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Hymn 374 From heaven you came, helpless babe,

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.
This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.
Refrain

3 Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
Refrain

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.
Refrain

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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 479 View the present through the promise,

1 View the present through the promise,
Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deepening darkness,
Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving
through your watching and believing
in the hope past hope's conceiving:
Christ will come again.

2 Probe the present with the promise,
Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness,
Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving
and your justice and forgiving
be a sign to all the living:
Christ will come again.

3 Match the present to the promise,
Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise,
Christ will come again.
Pattern all your calculating
and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting:
Christ will come again.

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Benediction

Choral Amen