

Sunday 28th April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

INFORMAL SERVICE OF THE WORD

We will be using the green service books from page 11

Our service this morning will be live-streamed and recorded from a camera in the front right-hand pew

GREETING Julie Morriss

First one in the service book on page 12

SONGS

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun, I will stand on every promise of Your word. Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away, I will stand on every promise of Your word. For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure, I can stand on every promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in, I will stand on every promise of your word. You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live, so I stand on every promise of your word. Guilt to innocence restored; you remember sins no more; so I'll stand on every promise of your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, and I'll stand on every promise of Your word. Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with your hand as I stand on every promise of Your word. And you've promised to complete every work begun in me, so I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out every fear, as I stand on every promise of Your word. Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come, and I stand on every promise of Your word. Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe, we will stand on every promise of Your word.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Come on, come in, everybody.

There is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.

Come on and join with creation,
let everything shout to praise Him.

Glory to Christ – He's the one who made us.

Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne,
our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah! Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

Come on, come in, all you weary.
Come on and find rest with Jesus,
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
giving His life – He's the one who saved us.

Lift up your voices....

Come on, you saints, keep believing, gather to hear the Lord speaking, humble your hearts, tremble at His voice. Come in with joy for the future, He will renew heaven and earth. Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us. Lift up your voices....

Dan Adams & Gareth Loh

PRAYER

for the children as they leave for their groups

CONFESSION

Second one in the service book on page 13

SUNG PSALM 42

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength.....

You're my friend and You're my brother, even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength.....

Martin J. Nystrom

COLLECT (Easter 5)

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

PRAYERS Service book page 15

Including The Lord's Prayer:

NOTICES

BIBLE READING - Galatians 4:21-31

Pew bible NT page 187

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

SONG

What love could remember no wrongs we have done; omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore – our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn' our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor – our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord....

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford – our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord....

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Matt Papa/Matt Boswell

SERMON

Rev Andrew Cinnamond

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

First one in the service book on page 16

SONG (during this song a collection will be taken)
Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember;
who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide: through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above; and Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Through the years of human darkness, shone the lamp the prophets trimmed, making known redemption's story, of the love of God undimmed.
Christ for every tongue and nation!
All must come beneath His sway;
His the everlasting kingdom that shall never pass away.

When the stars shall fall from Heaven, and the sun turn black as night; when the skies recede and vanish, and the elements ignite, then the Son of Man in glory, coming as the Morning Star, shall return to claim His loved ones, gathered in from near and far.

William Rees/William Edwards/Richard Bewes

FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

Second on in the service book on page 17

Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to pray with you in confidence in the side chapel after the service this morning

You may prefer to give contactlessly – if so please use the payment unit at the back of church or scan this code with a smartphone.



Please feel free to take service sheets home