



Trinity Church Mill Hill (United Reformed and Methodist)

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Sunday 16th January 2022

Worship this morning is led by Rev David Newton

Pianist: Tim Peake

The Congregation stands to receive the Bible.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart! *[Psalm 36 v5-10]*

Hymn, StF 55, Immortal invisible God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might —
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Walter Chalmers Smith. (1824 – 1908).

Prayer of approach

In our worship today, let us remember that the love of God for
God's people and church knows no limits.

The psalmist talks of God's love reaching up to the heavens
and justice to the depth of the ocean, and yet God blesses us
as individuals with the gifts of the Spirit so that the church,
might be a light in this place to his glory.

Father God, we bring our offering of worship and, with it, the
service of our lives through this coming week. May we go from
this place knowing that we have met with you and been
blessed by your Spirit, to live and work to your glory. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

We pray for confidence to share your word with others and for
the opportunity to proclaim it.

Forgive our reluctance, our timidity.

We pray for wisdom to know what should be said and the moment in which to say it.

Forgive our reticence, our anxiety.

We pray for knowledge of the fullness of your grace and the willingness to live it.

Forgive our ignorance, our self-reliance.

Be the centre of all we are, the light by which we walk, the grace by which we talk, the blessing that we share. **Amen.**

Collect

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature

by the riches of your grace

and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly

glory; through Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn, StF 618, Sacred the body God has created

Sacred the body God has created,

temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.

Cherish each person; nurture creation.

Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.

Bodies are varied, made in all sizes,

pale, full of colour, both fragile and strong.

Holy the difference, gift of the Maker,

so let us honour each story and song.

Love respects persons, bodies and boundaries.

Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.

Love touches gently, never coercing.

Love leaves the other with power to choose.

Holy of holies, God ever loving,

make us your temples; indwell all we do.

May we be careful, tender and caring,

so may our bodies give honour to you.

Bible Reading 1: Genesis 25: 27 – 34
Esau sells his birth right

Sermon part 1: Where's the hunger?

Hymn, StF 489, All I once held dear

All I once held dear,
built my life upon,
all this world reveres,
and wars to own,
all I once thought gain
I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now,
compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire
is to know you more,
to be found in you
and known as yours.
To possess by faith
what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift
of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power
of your risen life,
and to know you in
your sufferings.
To become like you
in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live
and never die.

Bible Reading 2: John 2: 1 – 11
 Jesus turns water into wine

Sermon part 2: The best wine ever

Music for reflection

Hymn, StF 526, Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek) (1901–1953)

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

Omnipresent God,
Stay close to us we pray.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Offertory

Hymn, StF 83, Praise my soul the king of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels in the height, adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 – 1847).

Benediction

Sung Amen, R&S 20(b).



Notices

Services in January/February

January 23rd Anne Walton

January 30th Rev David Newton – Followed by Church Meeting

February 6th Dr Richard Bingle

February 13th Worship Group

Services will be both in church and available via Zoom, unless noted otherwise. We now serve tea, coffee and biscuits at the end of the Service. Do stay if you can.

23rd January 3pm Churches Together Service at John Keble. The service will be available in church and via zoom. Full details to follow.

Open House

Thursday 27 January 2pm at The Eversfield Centre and on Zoom. Trix Summerfield. "Penniwells. An introduction" - a talk on riding for the disabled.

In the event that the emergency alarm sounds, leave the building calmly and immediately by the nearest escape route and assemble outside Pizza Express. Do not wait for instructions, do not use the lift.

Able-bodied be prepared to help those with impaired mobility if asked. Please note that the fire wardens in an emergency are the elders on duty each Sunday. The elder's duty rota is available on the notice board.