



✝ WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Digital Church.

From the East Solent & Downs Methodist Circuit.

Thank you for joining us.

It has been quite sunny this week in Hampshire
and so I thought it would record our service in the garden,
it seemed appropriate
as our reflection and Bible reading are about growing things
and the importance of pruning!

During this service we will have the opportunity to pray,
to hear God's word and to worship God in our hearts
– or out loud if you like.

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP (Philippians 2 v9-11)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Our first hymn . . . Come, now is the time to worship

✝ HYMN Come now is the time

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come (x2)*

One day every tongue will confess

You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure

remains for those

Who gladly choose You now

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✠ PRAYER AND BIBLE READING

Let us pray . . .

Father, as we read and hear your word, let us hear your voice speaking to us.

Give us wisdom to understand your message to us.

Let your word be the joy of our hearts

and a light to guide us on our journey of faith.

Give us strength to build our lives on your word. Amen

✠ BIBLE READING St John 15 v1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers;
such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my
disciples.

✠ REFLECTION

✠ HYMN: You are the vine

You are the Vine

We are the branches

Keep us abiding in You

You are the Vine

We are the branches

Keep us abiding in You

And we will go (And we will go)

In Your love (In Your love)

And we will go (And we will go)

In Your Name (In Your Name)

That the world (That the world)

Will surely know (Will surely know)

That You have power to heal

And to save

You are the Vine

We are the branches

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Galatians 5 v22,23 says

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.

And St Paul urges his readers to . . .

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

and walk in the way of love,

just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us

as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lets pray.

There is a response – which you may join us in.

Lord in Your mercy: **Forgive us and help us.**

In quietness

let's reflect on the lack of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

[Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control]

When our lives have not given glory to Christ

who loved us and gave himself for us.

- Quiet reflection -

Lord Jesus Christ,

you come to us in love and with your peace,

but we so often shut the door of minds against you.

Lord, in your mercy: **Forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in humility,

but we prefer our own proud ways.

Lord, in your mercy: **Forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in majesty,

but we prefer to have our own way and to rule our own lives.

In your mercy: **Forgive us and help us.**

Lord, forgive the times when our praise is empty and our hearts are cold.

In your mercy: **Forgive us and help us.**

Come to us – come to me and make my life your home.

Remake me into the person you have always planned for me to be. Amen

- Quiet reflection -

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** (cf Hosea 6)

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen**

✠ PRAYER of ADORATION

We come to worship you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you that you lived amongst us - not with pride and privilege -
but with your majesty veiled in humility.

You had equal status with God but you set aside the privileges of deity and took
on the status of a slave; you became human!

You didn't claim special privileges. Instead, you lived a selfless, obedient life
and then died a selfless, obedient death — and the worst kind of death, death on a
cross. Thank you for showing us what our humanity was meant to be
and not what we have so often made it.

As we focus on you, please help us, to grow more like you in humble giving of
ourselves, to live for you and for the wellbeing of others. **Amen**

✠ PRAYER of INTERCESSION

We pray in the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For those who are sick

We pray known to us who are unwell at home at in hospital.

We pray for all who minister to the sick throughout our health service,
and for carers at home.

For those who are anxious

We pray for those know to us who are anxious

- anxious about getting a job

- worried about keeping paid employment

- young people who are anxious about their education and their future prospects

For those who lonely and the isolated

We pray for those know to us who feel isolated or alone.

For those facing the very worst of the pandemic

We pray for places in our world that are experiencing the massive spread of the
virus, and there is not enough medical equipment and vaccinations.

We pray that the nations of the world will work together to bring relief.

We pray for all in authority who face difficult decisions

that affect the lives of many; grant them wisdom and courage.

For the Church

We pray for your Church who longs to praise you

throughout this strange and confusing time;

through your creative Spirit

fire our imaginations to proclaim your unchanging love in new ways.

Lord. Hear our Prayer. **Amen**

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. **Amen**

The 2nd of the 7 petitions in the Lord's Prayer

we have just said is

'Thy Kingdom come'.

We prayed for the kingdom of God to take form here and now

and for the promise of an eternal kingdom.

It is for us to work for God's Kingdom

- to be children of light

- with the humility of Jesus

- doing what is right . . .

. . . Hear the call of the kingdom....

✚ **HYMN** Hear the call of the kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom

Lift your eyes to the King

Let His song rise within you

As a fragrant offering

Of how God rich in mercy

Came in Christ to redeem

All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To be children of light

With the mercy of heaven

The humility of Christ

Walking justly before Him

Loving all that is right

That the life of Christ

may shine through us

King of Heaven we will answer the call

We will follow bringing hope to the world

Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To reach out to the lost

With the Father's compassion

In the wonder of the cross

Bringing peace and forgiveness

And a hope yet to come

Let the nations put their trust in Him

King of Heaven we will answer the call

We will follow bringing hope to the world

Filled with passion,

filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus' name (x2)

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✝ FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

Thank you for joining us this week.

It may be that you are watching this service
and it seems a bit strange to you

– as you are not a Christian – a follower of Jesus Christ -
but you would like to know more . . .

(After our short final prayer we have an item called
The “Father Love Letter”

which we hope will help you on your journey to faith
in our Loving Father God.)

If you would like to contact us about anything you have heard
there will be details on the as the screen at the end

We pray . . .

Lord Jesus Christ,

you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,

and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: grant us the faith to know you
and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is
the path of glory; give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and
King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might;

Let the word of God dwell in you; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

Amen