

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SIGHTHILL

13TH AUGUST 2023

IN CHRIST ALONE

GATHERING SONG:

COME ON AND CELEBRATE

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life
We'll shout Your praise O King
You give us joy nothing else can
bring. We'll give to you our offering
In celebration praise

Chorus

**Come on and celebrate celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King
Come on and celebrate celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King**

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us turn away from the noise, the confusion and the relentless pressure of the world to acknowledge God's presence with us and appreciate God's love for us.

**All: We come to worship
because we love God.
We come to worship
because we want to love God more.
We come with open hearts
to offer our worship.**

OPENING HYMN: CH3 69 – COME, LET US TO THE LORD (TUNE: KILMARNOCK)

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;
And though his arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.

3. 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.

4. So shall his presence bless our souls, and
shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

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SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE, MY HOPE IS FOUND (1 VERSE)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

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OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-8; MARK 16:14-15

POEM: CHRIST ALONE by Melvin Mimi Udefuna

I've been through different spheres of life,
And each taught me a lesson of their own,
That no matter how tough they seem to be,
I'll always give thanks to Christ alone.

I've been misled to think that this life was all about me,
Forgetting the fact that I'm just living it on a loan,
And when my time is due to be sent on an eternal leave,
I'll just have to return it to Christ alone.

When all hope is seemingly lost,
And all my efforts yield results as light as an empty cone,
I'll always try my best at any cost,
To put all my trust in Christ alone.

I've come to understand now,
That Christ for my sins and transgressions did atone,
That when I'm left with the choice of who receives my

bow. It definitely must be to Christ alone.

To die in Christ for me is gain,
Although living for him is not easy on my own,
But even when I'll be given this life to live again,
I'll live it all for Christ alone.

REFLECTION: IN CHRIST ALONE OUR HOPE IS FOUND

OFFERINGS/SONG: ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ev1v_Psoz6o&t=235s

PRAYERS FOR OFFERINGS

All: Our Lord Jesus knew poverty
and yet he still gave what he could.
Receive our offerings today, Lord,
we give them freely from what we have.
May they be a sign of all that we offer,
and may they be used to bring your kingdom
here and now. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS - O GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS LAND. Tune: MELITA 8.8.8.8.8 ("Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

O God, we thank you for this land and for
the good on which we stand
for people down through history who
sought to make us kind and free,
for immigrants from every place who built
this land with strength and grace.

We thank you, God, for people here who
work to counter hate and fear;
who work for justice for the poor; who
seek to bring an end to war;
who love the water, land and air and work
for your creation's care.

We thank you, too, for those who pause to
see and challenge unjust laws;
for those whose vision leads the way to
bring a gentler, nobler day;
for those who answer your great call to
value, love and welcome all.

As we give thanks for this our land,

may we with others, take a stand:
May we a justice-vigil keep,
and never let our conscience sleep;
For silence is complicity,
and all are bound till all are free.

Tune: John Bacchus Dykes, in Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861
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CLOSING HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE, MY HOPE IS FOUND

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN

**May the love of God
be the passion in our hearts.
The joy of God our strength when times are hard.
The presence of God - a peace that overflows.
and the Word of God - the seed we might sow.**

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus...

Song after the service: Wonderful, merciful saviour

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=U_iINXGSwfo&list=PLcUkb5hNYQjKrphQ5fVMDO0
WJgbWc3BeT](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_iINXGSwfo&list=PLcUkb5hNYQjKrphQ5fVMDO0WJgbWc3BeT)