

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH,  
SIGHTHILL  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



**SONG:**

**JESUS NAME ABOVE ALL  
NAMES X 2**

Jesus name above all names  
Beautiful Saviour glorious Lord  
Emmanuel God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer living Word

CCLI Song # 21291, Naida  
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**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Oh, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the North and from the South.

Loving Father, we are here, we have come. Today you remind us, through your word and the songs we shall sing, that your Church, our church is not about bricks and mortar. Our church is not a specific place with an address and places to sit. It is not the place we come to once a week to sing our favourite hymns and to listen to the minister speak.

Today, your remind us that your church is a family, a hospital for sinners and a school for saints and that it is made up of all those who believe in you as their Lord and Saviour.

Jesus, your light will shine while all else fades, never ending your glory goes beyond all things. And the light of our heart is to give you praise.

As one of your faithful servants reminds us (Chuck Swindoll) "Like a stained-glass window, we come together with others to let Christ's light filter through us and shine into the world. As we learn to more fully live out our citizenship, we realize that we are part of a people who will endure forever."

Thank you Lord God, for making us all a part of your family and connecting us to other believers. As we celebrate

all the blessings here at St Nicholas Church, Sighthill, and the many ways you have empowered and guided us through your Holy Spirit we thank you for the facilities that we have, this blessings from you, this special place where we, your children, members of your church gather, grow, and are joined together with you and one another.

Lord, thank you for our church - local, national and international - but more importantly thank you for making everyone one here a part of the Church of Christ and for making us members of your family, Amen.

**OPENING SONG: JESUS CALLS US HERE**

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as through word and song and prayer  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language-  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;

join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.  
CCLI Song # 878695, Graham Maule | John L. Bell

Come let us stand strong together  
Abandon ourselves to the King  
His love shall be ours forever  
This vict'ry song we shall sin

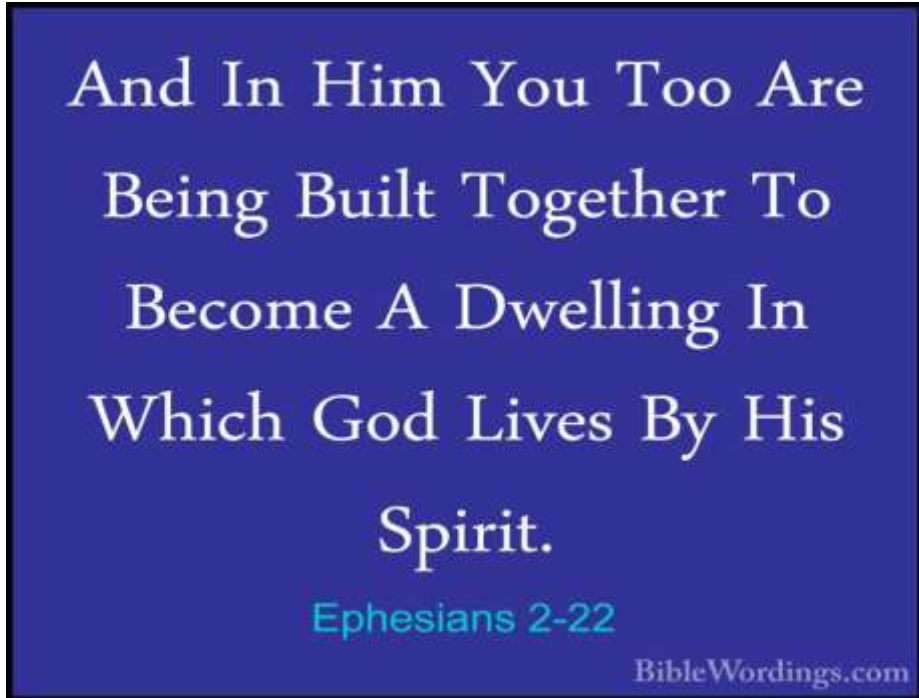
**BIBLE READINGS: EPHESIANS 2:19-22;  
COLOSSIANS 3:15**

**Chorus**

**A new day is dawning  
A new age to come**

**When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one  
A truth long neglected  
But the time has now come  
When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one**

CCLI Song # 222241, Dave Bilbrough©  
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**PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS AND CLOSING PRAYERS**

Thank you Lord God Almighty for this amazing world, that is both diverse and complex. Thank you for a world that includes lakes and warm oceans, that includes cold winds and warm breezes. Thank you that the world is not all the same. Thank you for its beauty and our place in it.

**BRIEF REFLECTION**

**HYMN/OFFERING - SONG: AN ARMY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE**

1. An army of ordinary people  
A kingdom where love is the key  
A city a light to the nations  
Heirs to the promise are we  
A people whose life is in Jesus  
A nation together we stand  
Only through grace are we worthy  
Inheritors of the land

**Chorus**

**A new day is dawning  
A new age to come**

**When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one  
A truth long neglected  
But the time has now come  
When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one**

2. A people without recognition  
But with Him a destiny sealed  
Called to a heavenly vision  
His purpose shall be fulfilled

Thank you for our amazing families, that are both diverse and complex. We need Jesus to show us the way, giving us a love for our families as deep as the need for love within ourselves.

Thank you for our amazing congregation that is both diverse and complex. Thank you for all who work so hard to make this place tick. Thank you for those who teach children and youth and adults, serve meals, donate money, welcome visitors, our gardening team and all who arrange flowers.

Thank you for those who pray, who work in various teams, groups and committees, who handle our finances, lead us in prayer, worship and committees, teas, drop-in on Monday and Wednesday community lunch Let's Eat Together team that picks up and shares food items on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, our church officer, all who visit the sick at home, nursing homes and in hospital, and all visitors and members of our congregation.

Thank you for all the gifts you've given and the way they are used to build up this body of Christ. Thank you for the amazing way you work in our world, in diverse and complex ways that we can hardly understand.

Thank you for the role you give our congregation and our families, sowing seeds, being salt and light everywhere we go. We pray especially today for those we

know who are sick and grieving loss of loved ones. Our hearts are heavy with the story in the news this week you know how peace was broken and how it can be healed. We call on your amazing power to renew, to restore, to rejuvenate. Bless our congregational meeting after the service. May it be a good time of community sharing and visioning. May the words we heard today from scripture speak to us about who you want us to be this year, in this time and this place. As we meet to conduct matters of business, Lord Jesus, guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Saviour, Amen.

**SONG - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (3 VERSES +CHORUS)**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

**Chorus**

**Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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**BENEDICTION AND AMEN**



**MEETING  
NOTICE!**