



*Sunday 29 September 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost*

All are welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember: God is making all things new.

Right now, God is bringing us into new life.

Remember: God is setting us free to serve a new kingdom.

Right now, in this in-between time, God is moving.

Remember: God is still writing this story.

Right now, we are a part of what God is doing.

HYMN CH4 623

Here in this place new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL AGE TIME

HYMN CH4 564

Jesus loves me! this I know,

for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
He will always be my friend,
and His love will never end.

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Jesus loves me! this I know
He loved children long ago;
He can always make me glad
even when I'm feeling sad.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-13

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ‘This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. ‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13:1-8

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.’ Then Moses said to the people, ‘Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. Today, in the month of Aviv, you are leaving. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites – the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey – you are to observe this ceremony in this month: for seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the LORD. Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. On that day tell your son, “I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.”

HYMN CH4 392

When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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SERMON

HYMN

I want to serve the purpose of God in my generation.

I want to serve the purpose of God while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

O I delight, I delight to do your will.

What is on your heart?

Tell me what to do;

let me know your will

and I will follow you.

(Repeat chorus)

I want to build with silver and gold in my generation.

I want to build with silver and gold while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

O I delight, I delight to do your will.

I want to see the Lord come again in my generation.

I want to see the Lord come again while I am alive.

I want to give my life for something that will last forever.

O I delight, I delight to do your will.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

HYMN CH4 561

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

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Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!

Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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