

Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Note

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Welcome to our Family Service 10th May 2020

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, as we gather in your name,
listen to us and bring us peace;
be our rock and our refuge, that we may be made strong;
let your face shine upon us, that we may show your love.
Amen.

Songs Our God saves

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name
To call on our Saviour to fall on Your grace
(x2)

To call on our Saviour, to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down, as Your people sing
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that
Our God saves, our God saves
There is hope in Your name

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Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves, our God saves

Songwriters: Paul Baloche / Brenton Brown
Performed by Paul Baloche

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(x2)
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
(x2)

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Songwriters: Phil Wickham / Brian Johnson
Performed by Bethany Wohrle

Activity: Friendship bracelets

Confession

After a period of 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 judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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

Reading John 14.1-14 read to us by Judy Giles

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.'
⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'
⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'
⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'
⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Sermon Nigel is opening God's Word for us today

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Song The Way (New Horizon)

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance

I believe that You are my fortress
You are my portion
You are my hiding place
I believe You are

The way the truth, the life
and I believe You are
the way, the truth, the life
and I believe

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the one I love
I believe You are

The way the truth, the life
I believe You are the way, the truth, the life
I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And you meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And you meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I believe you are

The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And you meet me here today
With mercies that are new

All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long when

I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are the way, the truth, the life
I believe You are

Songwriters: Pat Barrett / Ben Smith / Daniel Bashta
Performed by Lindsey and David Mackie

Intercessions prepared and read to us by Deb Whittaker

Response:
In faith we pray ~ **We pray to you our God**

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we service, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Song Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name
(x2)

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all,

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, I stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all
(x2)

Songwriters: Eric Liljero / Jonas Myrin / Reuben Morgan / Edward Mote / William Batchelder Bradbury
Performed by Lindsey Mackie

Final Prayer

Let us pray ...

May God bless you, guide you and direct you.

May God bless you, give you strength and the assurance of his love.

**May God bless you and fill your life with his presence –
today and always. Amen.**

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Thank you for joining us today

Going Deeper

Bible Notes

This week's Gospel passage is perhaps best known for its use at funerals. But Jesus' words offer more than the promise of a place prepared for the future. He also promises that he will remain with the disciples, even when he is physically gone from them. In his unique writing style, John illustrates the complex relationship between God present now as trinity and the (not-yet) promise of the kingdom to come. The relationship is close - whoever has seen Jesus has seen the Father. This is why Jesus can assure the disciples that they will not be left abandoned, and that he himself is both the way that they need to travel and the means.

The Gospel passage ends with a command and a promise (verse 12): 'the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do'. Through a life lived in 'the way', we are commissioned to follow Jesus' example: feeding the poor, caring for those who are hurting, and sharing God's love.

Questions for Reflection



- What do you use to help you find the way?
- How does it feel that Jesus has prepared a way and a place for each of us?
- When are the most difficult times to recognise Jesus as the way?

Live your faith

Remember that, for you, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Try to think of a practical consequence of that in or for whatever you are about to do, wherever that may be.

A personal prayer

Show me your way; help me to know your truth, and to live your life. Amen

Name

Activity time

ROOTS children's Sheet

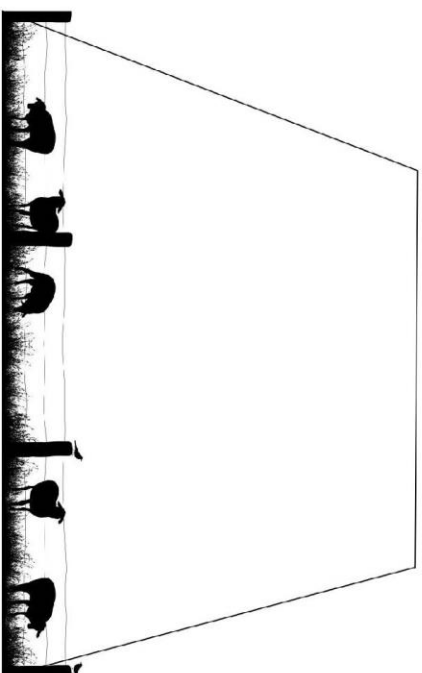
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John 10.1-10

Jesus tells us he is like a shepherd: he loves and protects his people, so we can live a full and happy life.

Draw

Sheep need good pasture to live a full and happy life. Can you draw some of the things that make your life full and happy in the field?



Write

Write a short letter as a prayer to God, saying thank you for the many good things that you have, and asking for his help to share them with others.



Family time

Talk In what ways do we see God at work in our lives?

Do Give away something this week to someone else who may need it more than you as a sign of our abundant life.

Pray Father God, thank you for all the amazing things you give to us. We thank you for our family, our friends, our homes, and for the food that we eat. If we have enough, help us know that we have enough to share and to help others who do not have what we have. **Amen.**

Puzzle

Sometimes sheep can wander off. Can you help this one find its way back to its field, to safety and abundance?

