



Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Sunday 2nd August 2020

Welcome to this Family service
Led by Simon McDowell

Please join in using the words in **bold**.

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

Lord God, as we gather here today to listen and participate in this service:

let our hearts be open to your love for us,

bring us the knowledge of your healing power,

give us ears to listen to your Word and its teaching, and

deliver peace from our busy lives during this service so that we can feel your presence here with us.

Help this podcast bring us together as a church family: even if we may be physically separated, we all worship you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son,

Amen.

Songs

The Heavens they Preach

The heavens they preach, they preach,
They preach the glorious splendour of God.
The stars in the sky seem so out of reach,
Yet they whisper His wonderful love.

Day after day in a sermon of nature
The works of His hands lift their voice:
'Wake up, you nations, and serve Your Creator,
There's mercy in Him, so rejoice!'

And I'll lift my heart and my hands to Him,
And I'll let my life shine with love
To God's wonderful Son.
He wears the crown, He's the King.
Come and behold Him now,
Come and delight in His excellent virtues;
Seek Him while He can be found,
For He is the help and the hope
For all the world.

The prophets, they preached, they preached,
They preached that one day a Saviour would come;
And suddenly men heard a heavenly speech,
The voice of God's only Son.

Day after day in the streets and the temple
He taught them and met their needs,
And now through His death and His great resurrection
His glorious purpose succeeds.

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Come and delight in His excellent virtues;
Seek Him while He can be found,
For He is the help and the hope
For all the world.

You have called us out of darkest night
You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus:

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

Chorus

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

Chorus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Chorus (x2)

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Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us. Amen

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Reading Romans 9:1-5 read to us by Richard Beckingsale

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised!^[a] Amen.

Sermon Bishop Alan is opening God's Word for us today

Song

Your Name

As morning dawns and evenings fades,
You inspire your songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

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Songwriter(s): Baloché Paul Joseph, Packiam Glenn Previn

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.

cf Ephesians 3

Intercession prepared and read to us by Richard Beckingsale (thanks for a last minute stand in)

Response: We pray to the Lord - We ask in His name.

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 for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Song

The Joy of the Lord is our strength

Though tears may fall
My song will rise, my song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail
My song will rise, my song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise You, Lord

In the dead of night
I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise
I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise You, Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love
I will praise You, Lord

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You, Lord

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In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
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In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength
When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain
Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name

Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves
Reaching for Your light

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Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Edmond Martin Cash / Gareth Andrew Gilkeson / Christopher Dean Llewellyn. [Rend Collective](#)

Final Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and guide us to do always what is right for You; in the name of the one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Thank you for joining us today.

Note

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Going Deeper

Bible Notes: Romans 9.1-5

For most modern Christians, the doctrine expounded in Paul's first eight chapters seems to make a self-contained whole: it is the core content of the Christian gospel. When it comes to what follows, the attention of many tends to wander. There is good but unexciting moral teaching from chapter 12, but chapters 9-11 seem a complex distraction. What is involved is the matter of Israel, God's ancient people.

We need to recognise that these chapters did not look like that to Paul. His argument flows on without interruption and what he wishes to show here is essential to his case. We need to recognise that the Christian community in Rome in the 50s of the first century was, it seems, made up as much of converted Jews as of Gentiles, and probably included small, synagogue-like groups scattered in a number of parts of the city. One of Paul's main reasons for writing was to ease tensions between the two sorts of Christians and to promote unity and harmony. To that end, he must show that the coming of Jesus is, though a new beginning, nevertheless in continuity with God's age-old purpose for his people Israel.

It is of course a mammoth task and it is no wonder that readers who do not share Paul's heritage in Judaism are inclined to lose track in these chapters. The present passage makes plain at the start the conviction and emotion which Paul brings to this argument. He cannot possibly renounce his belief in the countless gifts which God has bestowed on his people – including supremely Jesus the Messiah himself – and he is distraught by the major failure of Israel (so far) to accept this final glory that has come to them.

We often think of Paul as the apostle to the gentiles, but here he portrays his real anguished concern for his own Jewish people. It must have been a puzzle to the early Christians that the mass of the Jewish people did not join them, but increasingly separated themselves from them.. But even in Paul's day most Jews had not followed him into the Jesus community, had not accepted Jesus as the messiah or believed the news of his resurrection. Paul never suggests that God has cut them off; here he asserts that all the promises, covenants and law remain valid. In his despair at their non-response, however, he suggests he would be prepared to sacrifice his own place 'in Christ' if it could bring them in.

A personal prayer

Lord, a new week lies ahead of me and I don't really know what it will bring.
Help me to be aware of people around me who are struggling in any way.
May I be sensitive to their needs and seek your wisdom as I come alongside them.
I want to be there for them, Lord, bearing your blessing.
Amen

Name.....

Matthew 14.13-21

Jesus and the disciples face a challenge when more than 5,000 people need dinner, but Jesus performs a miracle and there is more than enough food for everyone.



Family time

Talk How do you think we could share what we have with others?

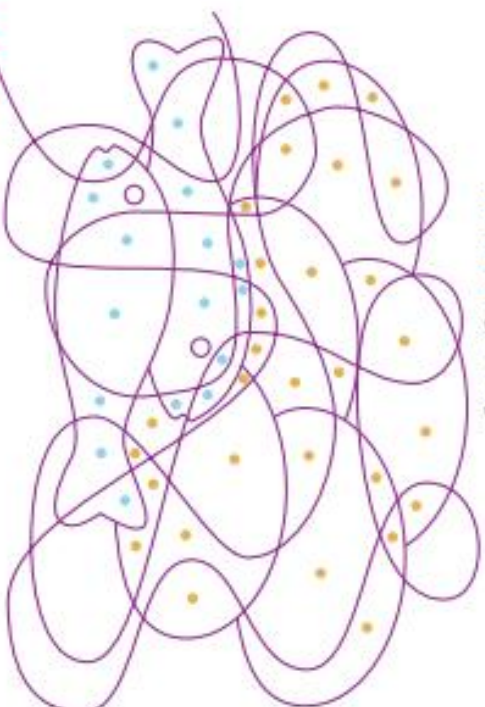
Do Each time you stop to eat this week, think of ways you could be generous with your time and gifts.

Pray Sit down together and share some bread while sharing this prayer: Lord, thank you for providing this bread, and for the story which reminds us to be generous with everything we have. Please help us in all that we do. Amen.

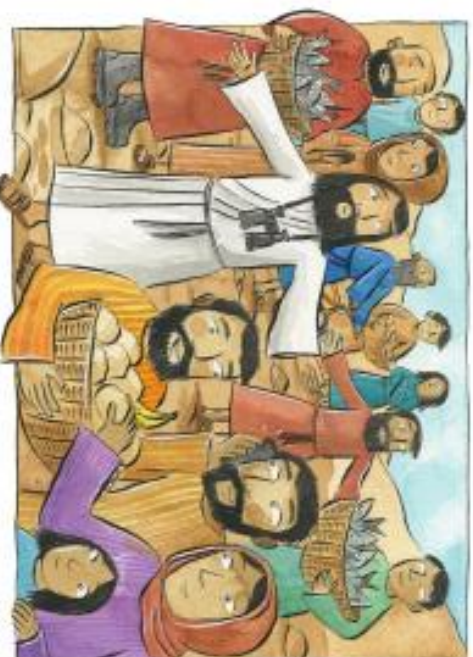
Activity time



Colour in the sections the same colour as the dots inside them to reveal images from today's story.



Circle the five things which shouldn't be in the image, things which wouldn't have been around at the time.



ROOTS children's Sheet

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Solve the code to work out a key message from today's story.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

