



## Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and evolving bodies,

**we come to be your people, God.**

Persistent in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and crying out prayers,

**we come to be your people, God.**

Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,

**we come to be your people, God.**

Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours and

**we come to be your people, God.**

Let us worship God

## Hymn *"Lord of all being"* (Ombersley) CH4 125

words Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-94), music William Henry Gladstone (1840-91)  
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1 Lord of all being, throned afar,  
thy glory flames from sun and star;  
centre and soul of every sphere,  
yet to each loving heart how near!

2 Sun of our life, thy quickening ray  
sheds on our path the glow of day;  
Star of our hope, thy softened light  
cheers the long watches of the night.

3 Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,  
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,  
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;  
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

4 Lord of all life, below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is  
love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no lustre of our own.

5 Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

## Prayer of Praise and Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Passing the Peace

## Anthem “God shall wipe away all tears”

text from Revelation, music K Knudson

With young members

## Hymn “Rejoice in God’s Saints” (Laudate Dominum) CH4 742

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1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Reading        Isaiah 25:6-9

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

***Thanks be to God***

Gospel         John 11:32-44

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

***Praise to Christ the Word***

Sermon        “Unbinding and letting go”

## Hymn *“How clear is our vocation”* (Repton) GtG 432/CH4 485

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music Charles H Hastings Parry (1848-1918), from the oratorio *Judith*

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
when once we heed your call:  
to live according to your word,  
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all  
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find  
your yoke is hard to bear,  
if worldly pressures fray the mind  
and love itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care:  
our inward life repair.

3 We marvel how your saints became  
in hindrances more sure,  
whose joyful virtues put to shame  
the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure  
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new,  
may we not cease to look to you:  
the cross you hung upon,  
all you endeavoured done.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others concluding with...

**Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever:  
AMEN**

## Offering and Dedication *“Give us the wings of Faith”*

text Isaac Watts (1674-1748), music Thomas Jarman (1776-1861), from *The Wesleyan Melodist*

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church’s account.*

## Notices

## Hymn *“For all the saints”* (Sine Nomine) TiS 455 / CH4 740

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1 For all the saints who from their  
labours rest,  
who in the world their faith in God  
confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were the stranger in the dark of  
night  
with whom they strove to find their one  
True Light,  
to whom you gave God's blessing ever  
bright:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 They are the folk who gave with Love  
Divine,  
always in service did their wills incline,  
forgetting self, they did with glory  
shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 They followed you, cast out the city's  
gate  
killed by the eyes and guns of human  
hate,  
yet trumpets sound their resurrection  
fête:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And there will dawn a yet more  
marvellous day,  
the saints with laughter sing and dance  
and play,  
the Clown of Glory tumbles in the way:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 With earth restored, with this our  
fragile star,  
in gladness home from pilgrimage afar,  
we find in God a joy that none can mar:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Benediction and Threefold Amen

## Postlude *“Praeludium und Fuga in E minor BuxWV 152”* (Phrygian)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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