

Hymn Sheet for Sunday 11th May 2025
Morning Worship led by Derek Graham

Welcome and Notices

Hymn: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Words: Brian Wren)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death shall never die!

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Saviour in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive! and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise!

Prayers of Approach and Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 1008

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
(Chorus)
And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
(Chorus)

Reading 1: John 10:22-30

Hymn MP 888

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
keep Thy lamb in safety keep;
nothing can Thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live;
and the hands out-stretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would bless Thee every day,
gladly all Thy will obey,
like Thy bless-ed ones above,
happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go,
walking in Thy steps below,
'til before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Reading 2: Acts 9:36-42

Offertory & Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd (Words: Sylvia Dunstan)

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
in the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
harrowing hell to save the lost,
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

Address

Hymn: MP 444

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of Thy tone;
as Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy straying children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that, while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things Thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Prayers of Intercession, with the “Talking Faith” prayer

God,
present in every conversation,
grant us through your Holy Spirit
new boldness in talking faith.
May all our speaking – and our listening –
serve you, the One
through whom the Word became flesh.
Enable us to connect
what we see and hear around us
with what we know of you in Jesus,
to help others come to know him too.
And may the words of faith we share with others
more closely reflect
our faith in our Word to us in Christ.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
trusting in the Spirit
to grant us the words we need.
Amen

Hymn: For all the saints of ev'ry age and day (Words: John Campbell)

For all the saints of ev'ry age and day,
who bravely sought to follow Jesus' way;
sharing Good News by what they'd do and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For hidden saints, who kept the flame alight,
sharing their faith all through the darkest night;
that in our day Christ's hope may still burn bright:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those who left the only land they'd known,
trusting their God, 'til gospel seeds were sown
that Christ might call all peoples as his own:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For all who've lived for justice and for peace;
who suffered long, 'til captives found release,
that, in Christ's name, all earthly wars might cease:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those we know, who've shown us love and care,
who, by their lives brought healing pow'r to bear;
that we might Jesus' saving name declare:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For God's good gift, this gospel we've received
from faithful saints who other saints believed,
that we, in turn, might pass it on with speed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Grace

Exit Music: Fugue in G minor by J S Bach