Sunday October 25th 2026
Hinckley URC
Baptism membership and Communion
Led by Rev Dr Kirsty Thorpe

Welcome / notices - Duty Elder

Call to Worship Psalm 90 1-2, 13-14, 16-17

Hymn Lord, thy Church on earth is seeking R&S 579

Lord, your church on earth is seeking
your renewal from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accents of your love...

We will heed your great commission
sending us to every place -
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission;
serve with love and share my grace.

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:

light for darkness, joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife-
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises,
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King

Prayers of approach, confession and Lords' Prayer

Readings Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Matthew 22: 34-46

Baptism and reception into membership

Songs, some of which may be sung while the Baptismal party dry off etc

King of Kings

King of Kings, majesty
God of heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
Strong deliv'rer,
beginning and end,
All within me falls at Your throne

(Chorus) Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heav'n worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner
near to your throne;
All within me cries out in praise

(Chorus and repeat)

What gift of grace

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer,
There is no more for Heaven now to give,
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His,
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley, He will lead,

Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus, now and ever is my plea,
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free",
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home,
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me".

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me",
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Goodness of God

I love you Lord Oh your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(chorus)
All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known you as a Father,
I've known you as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.
(chorus)

(Bridge)
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
(repeat bridge)

(chorus|

Hymn O Lord my God (How great thou art) R&S 117

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
the power throughout the universe displayed;
(Chorus)
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
(Chorus)

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
(Chorus)

Sermon

Hymn Will you come and follow me R&S 558

(during which the Offertory is collected and brought forward)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of thanks

Hymn Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,

The Bread of Life for the world am I'. (x3)
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,
The Bread of Life for the world am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Door,
The Way and the Door for the sheep am I'. (x3)
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Door
The Way and the Door for the sheep am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
The one true Light of the world am I' (x3)
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
The one true Light of the world am I'

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Shepherd,
The one Good Shepherd of the sheep am I'. (x3)
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Shepherd,
The one Good Shepherd of the sheep am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,
The Resurrection and the Life am I'. (x3)
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,
The Resurrection and the Life am I'.

Jesus the Lord says R&S 199

Communion

Hymn Guide me, O thou great Jehovah R&S 345

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Blessing

Exit Music: Nun Danket alle Gott – Marche Triomphe (now thank we all our God) by Sigfrid Karg-Elert