Holy Communion 15th November 2026
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Notices
Call to Worship
Hymn Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Introduction to theme
Hymn How firm a foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word;
what more can He say than to you He hath said,
you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, He is with thee, O be not dismayed;
for He is thy God, and will still give thee aid:
He'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand.

In every condition, in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
as thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be.

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go,
the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;
for He will be with thee in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
His grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, His only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
He will not, He will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Readings Jonah 3.1-10
Colossians 3.12-16
Luke 10.25 -37

Reflection

Hymn There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice
which is more than liberty.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make His love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify His strictness
with a zeal He will not own.

If our love were but more simple
we should take Him at His word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Prayers of concern

Communion Hymn For everyone born a place at the table

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

…chorus

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

…chorus

and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

…chorus

and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

…chorus

and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

…chorus

and God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

Communion
Hymn Great is your faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

(Chorus)
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Chorus)

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Chorus)

Dismissal and blessing
Exit Music: Toccata in Seven By John Rutter