

SONG: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Together:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us
now and forever more. Amen



**Next Café Church is
Sunday 12th February
10.30am
St. John's Church**

**St John the Baptist, Chapel
Café Church
8th January 2023**

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*When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence
or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the
testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing
while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him
crucified. (1 Corinthians 2)*

Introduction & Notices

Together: Father God, creator and sustainer of all
things, we offer you our praise, our worship, our love
and our lives. Renew in us this morning a fresh
passion for you, your word and your son, our Lord,
Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, amen.

SONGS:

CORNERSTONE:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus

**Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Only By Grace

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavour
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come

Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

Chorus

Lord if You marked our transgressions
who would stand
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the
blood of the Lamb
Lord if You marked our transgressions
who would stand
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the
blood of the Lamb

Be Still

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.



READING:

2 Corinthians 4

4 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the

knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

SONG: God is working his purpose out

God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever foot has trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
rings out the voice of God:
Listen to me you continents,
you islands look to me,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

We shall march in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
we shall fight with sorrow and sin
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
 unless God blesses the deed;
 vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
 till God gives life to the seed:
 nearer and nearer draws the time,
 the time that shall surely be,
 when the earth shall be filled
 with the glory of God,
 as the waters cover the sea.



“With or without religion you would have good people doing good things and evil people doing evil things. But for good people to do evil things, that takes religion.” Steven Weinberg.

POEM: O Emmanuel (Malcom Guite)

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us
 O long-sought With-ness for a world without,
 O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
 Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name
 Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
 O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
 Be folded with us into time and place,
 Unfold for us the mystery of grace
 And make a womb of all this wounded world.
 O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
 O tiny hope within our hopelessness
 Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
 To touch a dying world with new-made hands
 And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.



SONG: There Is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
 Than all this world has known
 Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
 Will one day come
 Before the Son we'll stand
 Made faultless through the Lamb
 Believing hearts find promised grace
 Salvation comes

Chorus

Hear heaven's voices sing
 Their thunderous anthem rings
 Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
 Their praises rise
 All glory wisdom power
 Strength thanks and honour are
 To God our King who reigns on high
 Forever more

And there we'll find our home
 Our life before the throne
 We'll honour Him in perfect song
 Where we belong
 He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
 As thirst and hunger die
 The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King
 We'll reign with Him



Intercessions & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.