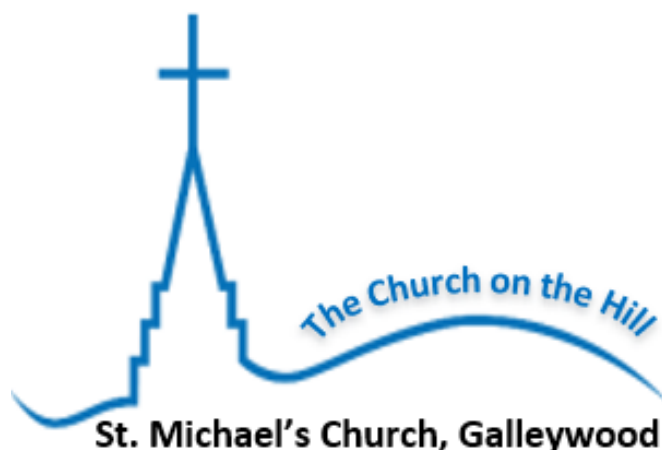


Creation Sunday



St. Michael's Church, Galleywood



Welcome

We praise you, LORD God, with all our heart.

You are glorious and majestic, dressed in royal robes

²and surrounded by light.

You spread out the sky like a tent,

³and you built your home over the mighty ocean.

The clouds are your chariot, with the wind as its wings.

⁴The winds are your messengers, and flames of fire are your servants.

⁵You built foundations for the earth, and it will never be shaken.

(Psalm 104: 1-5)

Opening songs of worship:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord (MP1001)

Let everything that, everything that,

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Everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise you in the morning, praise you in the evening,

Praise you when I'm young and when I'm old.

Praise you when I'm laughing, praise you when I'm grieving,

Praise you every season of the soul.

If we could see how much you're worth,

Your power, your might, your endless love,

Then surely we would never cease to praise:

Let everything that...

Praise you in the heavens, joining with the angels,

Praising you forever and a day.

Praise you on the earth now, joining with creation,

Calling all the nations to your praise.

If they could see how much you're worth,

Your power, your might, your endless love,

Then surely they would never cease to praise:

Let everything that (Chorus twice)

Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock (MP 40)

Ascribe greatness to our God, the rock,
his work is perfect and all his ways are just.

Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,
his work is perfect and all his ways are just.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
good and upright is he.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
good and upright is he. (Repeat)

Confession

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect (read by Melissa)

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading: Psalm 8 (read by Daniel)

Majesty (talk)

Song: From the highest of heights (Indescribable) (MP 1170)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.
All-powerful, untameable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

Indescribable, uncontainable... (Chorus)

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.
Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart
and You love me the same.
You are amazing, God.*

Praise (talk)

Song: Immortal, invisible, God only wise (MP327)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Responsibility (talk)

Song: Over all the earth (MP1101)

Over all the earth, you reign on high,
every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
is that you'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me, reign in your power
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
so won't you reign in me again.*

Over every thought, over every word,
may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,
so won't you reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me...(Chorus twice)

Creed (read by Charlie and Ellie)

We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God. **Amen**

Intercessions (led by Ruth)

The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Song: The splendour of the King (How great is our God) (MP 1227)

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God,
sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God...

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God. (Repeat)
How great is our God...

Blessing

As we go from this place, may the God who formed the heavens and the earth
bless us and keep us. **Amen**

May Christ, through whom all things were made, walk beside us and guide our
steps in peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the deep at the beginning of time, stir in
our hearts a deep love for all creation. **Amen.**

Let us go now as caretakers of God's good earth—
honour its beauty, tend its life, and live with gratitude.
And may the blessing of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen**

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