



**St Michael's and All Angels,
Galleywood**

March 23rd 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Service of the Word

“Colossians – 8: Walking in Jesus”

Welcome and Introduction

I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

(Psalm 40:1 – 3)

Song MP 496: O For A Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name.

Charles Wesley

Song: MP 825 Faithful One

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.
You are my Rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
My hope is in you alone.

Brian Doerksen

Song: By the Grace of God

I rest my soul on Jesus, when the mountains shake.
I put my trust in Jesus the moment I awake.

And when my soul is lost at sea, He will be my rock.
My vision be in Christ alone; this grace is all we've got.

*His love is like the mighty ocean.
His love for me will never stop.
Oh, his arms are strong enough to carry me
Through it all by the grace of God.*

So high upon His shoulders, safely brought this far
Helper of my helpless soul, the King of broken hearts.

His love is like the mighty ocean.....

You are the passion of my life, Lord Jesus
You are the song within my soul.
My strength, my hope, my all in all is You.
Jesus, You.

When breath grows still and night draws near, I will not be
afraid.
I know the plans He has for me don't finish at my grave.

*His love is like the mighty ocean.
His love for me will never stop.
Oh, his arms are strong enough to carry me
Through it all by the grace of God.
Through it all by the grace of God.*

Brian Johnson et al

Confession and Absolution

The Apostle Paul says:
'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit; and put away all anger and
bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and
done.
We are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that
is past,
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life
eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, whose dear Son did not return to heaven before He first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was first crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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**

Prayer for Sonlight (Alice and Diane) **and Mega** (Gavin and Peggy)

Mission Update – Veryan

Crosslinks: Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare in Caen, France

Song: MP 988 How deep the Father's love

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

Readings – Wendy

John 15:1 – 11. The Vine and the Branches (Page 1083)

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Colossians 2:6 – 7. Spiritual Fullness in Christ (Page 1183)

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon – David

Song MP 1078: Jesus is Lord

'Jesus is Lord' - the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Jesus is Lord - whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside his crown.
Jesus the man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord - the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' - a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take his children home.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Thanksgiving for Offerings

Affirmation of Faith

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of
the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every
voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father. Amen

Intercessions – Pam

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 MP 449: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him to
your right hand on high:
May we know your resurrection power in our daily lives and look
with hope to that day when we shall see you face to face and
share in your glory,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit: one God, now and for ever.

Amen

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour
upon you blessing and light.

Amen