



St Michaels and All Angels, Galleywood, 18th May, 2025 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Service of the Word: Colossians Part 12

Welcome and introduction

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Song: Jesus is the name we honour (MP870)

Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic Name above all other names,
The highest heaven and earth proclaim
That Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify,
We will lift him high,
We will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify,
We will lift him high,
We will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
Let all creation stand and sing
That Jesus is our God.

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
And every eye at last shall see
That Jesus is our God.

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Song: O my soul (MP1095)

O my soul, arise and bless your Maker
For He is your Master and your Friend.
Slow to wrath but rich and tender mercy:
Worship the Saviour, Jesus.

King of grace, His love is overwhelming;
Bread of Life, He's all I'll ever need,
For His blood has purchased me forever:
Bought at the cross of Jesus.

*And I will sing for all my days
Of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
Until He calls me home.*

When I wake, I know that He is with me;
When I'm weak, I know that He is strong.
Though I fall, His arm is there to lean on:
Safe on the Rock of Jesus.

Stir in me the songs that You are singing;
Fill my gaze with things as yet unseen.
Give me faith to move in works of power,
Making me more like Jesus.

*And I will sing for all my days
Of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
Until He calls me home.*

Then one day I'll see Him as He sees me,
Face to face, the Lover and the loved;
No more words, the longing will be over:
There with my precious Jesus.

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Song: There is a Day (MP1115)

There is a day that all creation's waiting for,
A day of freedom and liberation for the earth.
And on that day
The Lord will come to meet his bride,
And when we see him
In an instant we'll be changed.

The trumpet sounds
And the dead will then be raised
By His power,
Never to perish again.
Once only flesh,
Now clothed with immortality;
Death has now been
Swallowed up in victory.

*We will meet him in the air
And then we will be like him,
For we will see him, as he is,
Oh yeah!
Then all hurt and pain will cease,
And we'll be with him forever,
And in his glory we will live,
Oh yeah, oh yeah!*

So lift your eyes
To the things as yet unseen,
That will remain now
For all eternity.
Though trouble's hard
It's only momentary,
And it's achieving
Our future glory.

*We will meet him in the air
And then we will be like him,
For we will see him, as he is,
Oh yeah!
Then all hurt and pain will cease,
And we'll be with him forever,
And in his glory we will live,
Oh yeah, oh yeah!*

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Confession and absolution

**Father God, You are a great and awesome God.
Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.
We are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes.
We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do.**

**We are asking now for forgiveness for those things
and other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about.
Please forgive us.
In your name alone we pray, Amen.**

When we sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Thank you Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mega and Sonlight going out

Mission slot: OMF (Veryan)

Song: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (MP400)

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Bible readings: (Keith)

Matthew 16: 21-28 (Page 984) Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

²⁸ I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Colossians 3: 1-4 (Page 1184)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon (David)

Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**For by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**For with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Song: Before the throne of God (MP 975)

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose name is Love,

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,

My name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

Charitee L. Bancroft

Intercessions (Chris H)

Lord's prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Thanksgiving for our offering

Notices and family news

There's a place where the streets shine (MP1011)

There's a place where the streets shine
With the glory of the Lamb.
There's a way, we can go there,
We can live there beyond time.

*Because of you, because of you,
Because of your love,
Because of your blood.*

No more pain, no more sadness,
No more suffering, no more tears.
No more sin, no more sickness,
No injustice, no more death.

*Because of you, because of you,
Because of your love,
Because of your blood.*

*All our sins are washed away,
And we can live forever,
Now we have this hope,
Because of you.*

*Oh, we'll see you face to face,
And we will dance together
In the city of our God,
Because of you.*

There is joy everlasting,
There is gladness, there is peace.
There is wine ever flowing,
There's a wedding, there's a feast.

*Because of you, because of you,
Because of your love,
Because of your blood.*

*All our sins are washed away,
And we can live forever,
Now we have this hope,
Because of you.*

*Oh, we'll see you face to face,
And we will dance together
In the city of our God,
Because of you.*

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Conclusion and blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within us,
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

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