

Sunday 7th August 2022

Our 10.00am service this morning is led by David Barnsley

The Lord's Supper

We welcome all who are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ to share in receiving the bread and wine, which will be distributed at the front of church. There is gluten-free bread available and the wine in the individual cups is non-alcoholic.

For those with little ones, we have a DIY creche in the lounge. Feel free to use it any point during the service. There are toys in the left hand cupboard. Please make yourselves at home.

And so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walter C Smith. Arr Linda Mawson. © In this version Jubilate Hymns.

Welcome

Song: Immortal, invisible

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

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

To all, life you give, Lord, to both great and small,
In all life you live, Lord, the true life of all:
We blossom and flourish, uncertain and frail;
We wither and perish, but you never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
But of all your rich graces, Lord, this grace impart,
Take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

Our praise we would render, O Father, to you
Whom only the splendour of light hides from view;

Opening prayer (on the green card)

Summary of the Law (on the green card)

Meet the Judges

Song: I am the Lord and I do not change

*I am the Lord and I do not change;
I am the Lord and I do not change;
Kingdoms rise and Kingdoms fall,
But the Lord don't change at all.
No, the Lord don't change at all.*

God chose Israel long, long ago,
And when Israel sinned God never let them go.
Listen to Him...

I am the Lord and I do not change...

There are times we feel like we could walk on air,
But when that feeling's gone God's love will still be there.
Listen to Him...

I am the Lord and I do not change...

He keeps every promise and his word is true.
What He is He says, and what he says He'll do.
Listen to Him...

I am the Lord and I do not change...

Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall,
He wisely, wonderfully holds them all.
Blessed are those who on Him call,
'Cause the Lord don't change at all.

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Bible reading: Judges 6, page 248

Nicene Creed (on the green card)

Children and young people go to their groups

• *Trinity Kids:* Age 4-Year 6 in the downstairs hall.

Pathfinders (years 7-9) are staying in the service today.

Sermon: Graham Todd

Song: Never alone

We're not alone, for Christ is here.
Immanuel our God come near.
We're not alone, for to our world
Jesus has come, eternal Word.
And as he speaks, our souls laid bare,
Naked, ashamed, sin is made clear.
And yet he clothes us in his love.
Never alone, Christ is with us, is with us.

The longest walk, earth's darkest day,
The pressing crowd, his mounting pain.
A heavy load of grief and shame,
Breathless that we should breathe again.
"Father forgive them," comes his cry,
Silence from God blackens the sky.
A creeping dread in every heart,
Lost in the world, now God departs,
God departs.

The dawn will come, the sun will rise.
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light.
Tomb opened wide, stone rolled away,
Morning has come, a brand new day.
"He isn't here," the angel said.
"He is alive, no longer dead."
Our hearts are lifted, souls raised high,
Christ is with us, Christ is our life, he's our life.

Never alone, is now our cry.
In joy, in grief, in lonely sin.
Never alone, for Christ is ours,
He lives in us, we live in him.
And 'til we reach that final day
When fears are gone, cast far away.
We'll live secure, trust in his love,
Never alone, Christ is with us, he's with us.

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Prayers

Song: Consider Christ

Consider Christ, the source of our salvation,
That He should take the penalty for me.
Though He was pure a lamb without a blemish,
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree.

*My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks,
So take my life, transform, renew and change me,
That I might be a living sacrifice.*

Consider Christ, that He should trust His Father,
In the garden of Gethsemane,
Though full of dread and fearful of the anguish,
He drank the cup that was reserved for me.

*My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks,
So take my life, transform, renew and change me,
That I might be a living sacrifice.*

Consider Christ, for death He has defeated,
And He arose appeared for all to see,
And now He sits at God's right hand in heaven,
Where He prepares a resting place for me.

*My Lord and God, You are so rich in mercy.
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks,
So take my life, transform, renew and change me,
That I might be a living sacrifice.*

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On the green card:

- Confession
- Lift up your hearts
- Prayer of Humble Access

Distribution of bread and wine

If it would be a struggle to come to the front, we can bring bread and wine to you in your seats.

The Lord's prayer (on the green card)

Song: In Christ alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Closing prayer (on the green card)

Parents of Trinity Kids: Please collect your children from the downstairs hall as soon as the service has ended.

After our service:

Tea and coffee will be served from the hatch. Please queue patiently, collect a drink and then move away from the hatch.

Service sheets and Bibles: Please take your service sheets home with you or drop them in the recycling box on the way out. Please put your Bible back on the bookshelf at the back. Thank you.

Recordings of the talk can be found on our website: trinitybuxton.org.uk/sermonsandmedia

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Notices

1. **Thanks to all those who've been praying for Bob during this time.** Following the advice of his GP Bob will continue to take leave through August, at which point we will review with Bob how he is doing. Please continue to pass all pastoral concerns to us over the Summer. We'll keep you updated at the start of September. Please continue to pray for Bob & Julia. *Dave, Anna and Graham (The Ministers Council).*
2. **Cake and Company** is on this Thursday at 10.30am in the downstairs hall. Why not bring a friend or neighbour? If you can help (especially with clear up 12.00-12.30pm), please speak to Maria.
3. We have received a **thank you letter** from CMS for our latest gift to the Days.
4. **Theatre is coming to Trinity!** On Sunday 18th September at 7.30pm, for one evening only, there is an opportunity to see the play "If Prison Walls Could Speak". Tickets will be available soon - only £5! The play is "a one-man, hybrid, multimedia performance featuring immersive video projection and sound."

Based on the book "Imprisoned with Isis: Faith in the Face of Evil", the play tells the true life story of Petr Jasek, who in 2015 was imprisoned for his work aiding the persecuted church in Sudan. He was charged as a spy and forced into horrifying prison conditions.

If Prison Walls Could Speak is a powerful story about faith under fire. It is a story of corruption and espionage as Petr faces torturers, ISIS fighters and the full weight of a crooked legal system on his path to freedom. Drawing on testimonies from persecuted Christians from around the world, this production sheds light on the wider struggles of the underground church, and challenges the audience to consider their own freedoms and what they would sacrifice to defend them.

An opportunity to have a great night out, to support the Christian arts post-covid and to raise money for Release International, a Christian human rights organisation. Put the date in your diary now!

Date for your Diary

Church Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 17th August, 8.00-9.15pm in the lounge (no Zoom this time)

Who should I contact?

With Bob on leave and various others away at different points over the summer, we wanted to make sure you knew who was available each week in case you needed to speak to someone.

w/c 8th August	
Dave B	On annual leave.
Anna W	On annual leave.
Kate S	Available
Graham T	Available

Judges 6: The Rise of Gideon

Scene 1: The Prophet Speaks

Scene 2: What's in a Name?

Scene 3: Raising an Army, Lowering a Fleece

Summary

- Listen to God - He can be trusted
- Be honest about your fears - He is gracious
- Rely on His strength - He is always with His people