Immanuel, Sunday 24th October 2021

Welcome and Notices

Introit by the Choir: Psalm 103 setting by Walford Davies

Call to Worship

Hymn: O for a thousand tongues to sing by Great Redeemer's praise (R&S 285)

- 1. O For a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.
- 2. 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.
- 3.He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
- 4. He speaks, and listening to his voice New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.
- 5. Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Saviour come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
- 5. Mt gracious master and my God. Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley Tune: Richmond

Prayers of Adoration, Thanks and Lord's Prayer

Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel". See I am going to bring them the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel. and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Mark 10: 46 - 52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many ordered him sternly to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." So Jesus said to him, "Go: your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Reflection

Prayers of Confession and Thanksgiving

Anthem by the choir: "Day by Day" - Richard of Chichester, music by Martin How

Dedication of the offering and the Grace (which we share together)

Hymn: Amazing Grace (R&S 92

- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
- 2. As grace first taught my heart to fear So grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; God's grace has brought me safe thus far, And he will lead me home.

- 4. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures
- 5. And, when this heart and flesh shall fail And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil A life of joy and peace.

John Newton Tune: Amazing Grace

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (R&S 344)

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, On thy people pour thy power; Crown thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour
- 2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom Grant us courage For the living of these days.
- 3. Cure they children's warring madness; Bend our pride to thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and pour in soul. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss they kingdom's goal.
- 4. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom,
 Grant us courage
 Serving thee whom we adore.

H.E. Fosdick Tune: Rhuddlan

Blessing