

Immanuel, Sunday 7th November 2021

Welcome and announcements

Introit by the choir: "Blessed be His Glorious name" - George Thalben-Ball

Call to worship: *The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow...the Lord reigns for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord. (Ps 146)*

HYMN: SP 304 Praise the One

<p>1) Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, curing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.</p> <p>2) Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong yet gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons With a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.</p>	<p>3) Praise the One true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rusty Edwards</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tune: Blauenwern</p>
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Confession followed by the Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Kings 17; 8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Mark 12; 38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to

the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Anthem by the choir: "Jubilate Deo" (O be joyful in the Lord) - Charles Villiers Stanford

Sermon – A little can be everything

Hymn: SP 161 Lord of the Church, we pray

<p>1. Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing; Christ over all, our undivided aim. Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing, Wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame! We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing, the will that lacks the courage to be free, the weary labours, all but unavailing, to bring us nearer what a church should be</p> <p>2. Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing, A true repentance and a faith restored, A swift obedience and a new possessing, Filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord! We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer; The living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.</p>	<p>3. Lord of the church, we long for our uniting, True to one calling, by one vision stirred; One cross proclaiming and one creed reciting, One in truth of Jesus and his word. So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended, One church triumphant one new song shall sing, To praise his glory, risen and ascended, Christ over all, the everlasting King!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Timothy Dudley-Smith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tune: Londonderry Air</p>
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Dedication of the offering followed by sharing "The Grace "

Prayer of Intercession

HYMN: SP 251 Put peace into each other's hands

<p>1. Put peace into each others' hands And like a treasure hold it, protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.</p> <p>2. Put peace into each other's hands With loving expectation; Be gentle in your words and ways In touch with God's creation</p> <p>3. Put peace into each other's hands Like bread we break for sharing; Look people warmly in the eye: Our life is meant for caring</p>	<p>4. Give thanks for strong - yet tender- hands held out in trust and blessing. Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.</p> <p>5. Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those around you. Put peace into each other's hands: The Peace that sought and found you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Fred Kaan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tune: St Columba</p>
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Blessing