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9:30 am Sunday, 3rd August 2025



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Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan with Revd Dr Joyce Popoola

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Renewed in His Joy

James Grocho

VIDEO SONG – House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
Our God, He holds the victory.

Chorus

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise
(repeat)

Chorus (x2)

*We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise*

OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLOBAL GREETING

OFFERING PRAYER

Revd Dr Joyce Popoola

VIDEO NT LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

Read by Ros Bushell

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.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

VIDEO SONG – Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)

All I once held dear,
built my life upon,
all this world reveres,
and wars to own,

all I once thought gain
I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now,
compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire
is to know you more,
to be found in you
and known as yours.
To possess by faith
what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift
of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power
of your risen life,
and to know you in
your sufferings.
To become like you
in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live
and never die.

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

VIDEO LESSON Luke 12:13-21

Read by Earl Llego

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

¹⁴Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' ¹⁵Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

¹⁶And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

¹⁸'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

²¹'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

SERMON 'What occupies your mind?'

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO HYMN – Be Thou my Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th Century

translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931),

versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Revd Dr Joyce Popoola

VIDEO HYMN – Fill Thou My Life

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone
nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;

praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, gracious Lord, from me
receive the glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

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