



# Welcome

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**9:30am Sunday, 7th September 2025**



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## ONLINE SERVICE

**Preacher: Revd Tony Miles with Deacon Ali McMillan**

**Philemon w 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33**

### LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

### VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Let's Worship

Rype T.V.

### VIDEO SONG – Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and Amen

*And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever*

Hear Your people sing holy  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all  
Jesus

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all (oh, stands above)  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever (we cry holy, holy, holy)*

Hear Your people sing (we will sing) holy  
To the King of kings (holy), holy (holy is the Lord)  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

**Revd Tony Miles**

## **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**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Revd Tony Miles**

## **VIDEO SONG – The Splendour of the King (How Great is our God)**

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me,  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.

Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art.

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How great is our God, sing with me,  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.

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## **LESSON Luke 14: 25-33**

### **Read by Helen Tudor**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

<sup>31</sup> 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

### **VIDEO HYMN – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

## **LESSON Philemon vv 1-21**

**Read by Charlie Bushell**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – <sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and  
Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home:  
<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your  
love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership  
with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good  
thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and  
encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to  
do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an  
old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – <sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son  
Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to  
you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.  
<sup>12</sup> I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep  
him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the  
gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you  
do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was  
separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – <sup>16</sup> no  
longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but  
even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.  
<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has  
done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this  
with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I  
do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in  
Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even  
more than I ask.

## **SERMON 'A shock, a challenge, a choice'**

**Revd Tony Miles**

### **VIDEO SONG – Forth in Thy Name O Lord I Go**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labour to pursue,  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know  
In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil,  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy perfect humble will,

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labour on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

### **Deacon Ali McMillan**

#### **VIDEO SONG – O Thou Who Camest from Above**

O thou who camest from above  
the pure celestial fire to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return,  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up thy gift in me –

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **HEALING PRAYER TEAM**

## **THE BLESSING**

#### **VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**

Overture to the Occasional Oratorio First Movt by Handel played at Westminster Abbey (Gerard Brooks)

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