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**Led by Revd Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister
Preacher: Revd Nigel Cowgill**

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP

The Calling - Fleebridge Media

VIDEO SONG - Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil,
my anchor holds within the veil.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.
He is Lord, Lord of all.*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.*

Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

Then he shall come with trumpets sound,
oh, may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless, stand before the throne.

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OPENING PRAYERS

Led by 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.

VIDEO SONG - O Breath of God

O breath of God, breathe on us now,
and move within us while we pray;
the spring of our new life art thou,
the very light of our new day.

O strangely art thou with us, Lord,
neither in height nor depth to seek:
in nearness shall thy voice be heard;
Spirit to spirit thou dost speak.

Christ is our advocate on high;
thou art our advocate within:
O plead the truth, and make reply
to every argument of sin.

But ah, this faithless heart of mine!
The way I know, I know my guide;
forgive me, O my friend divine,
that I so often turn aside.

Be with me when no other friend the mystery of my
heart can share;
and be thou known,
when fears transcend,
by thy best name of Comforter.

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GLOBAL GREETING

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd Tony Miles

EPISTLE LESSON James 1:17-27 TNIV

Read by Naomi Viscuso

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

VIDEO HYMN - Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
as the earth is filled with your glory.

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GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 TNIV

Read by Olive Seisay

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law
who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus
² and saw some of his disciples eating food with
hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, ‘Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?’

⁶ He replied, ‘Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.”

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.’

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, ‘Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.’

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.’

SERMON ‘Tradition v Heart-Stuff Faithfulness’

Revd Nigel Cowgill
London District Chair

VIDEO HYMN – Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.

Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You Lord.

*I choose to be holy,
set apart for You my master,
ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.

*I choose to be holy,
set apart for You my master,
ready to do Your will.*

Brian Doerksen (born 1965)

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Dr. Andy Dye

Global Relationships Programme Team Leader,
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VIDEO HYMN - Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless may we be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd Tony Miles

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Parade of the Tin Soldiers
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