



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Easter 6

Mothers' Day

Guest Worship Leader and Preacher: Allan Blyth

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Arioso

J S Bach (1685 - 1750)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

The Lord has made known his victory

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise
before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

Sing Praise to the Lord!

(Selections from Ps 98 NRSV)

Hymn 433

Christ is our Cornerstone (Tune: Darwall 108)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel. **Thanks be to God.**

Doxology 768

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

(ii. Fairhill)

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow, praise God, all creatures here be-
low, praise God above, you hea-ven-ly
host, praise Fath-er, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers

Mothers' Day Reflection and Prayer

Hymn 153 *God is love* (Abbot's Leigh)

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

First Reading *Acts 10: 44-48*

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. **45** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, **46** for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, **47** "Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **48** So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hymn 385 *Now is eternal life* (Tune: St John 305)

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1-6

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, **4** for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Anthem

If ye love me

Words: John 14: 15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c 1505 - 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Gospel Reading

St John 15: 9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. **12** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

May your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 699 *A new commandment* (New Commandment)

[please sing through twice]

Sermon

Hymn 164 *The great love of God* (Thailand)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

We stand to sing...

The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, _____ which art in heav - en _____

pp

Hal-low-ed be _____ thy name _____ Thy king-dom come.

p

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en _____

mp *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

pp *p*

tres - pass - es As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; But de -

mp

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, _____ and the

mf *f*

pow - er, _____ and the glo - ry, _____ for ev - er.

ff

A - men.

f *mf* *p* *pp*

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 222 *Rock of Ages* (Petra)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686 - 1739)

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Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)