

# ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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*An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action*

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***14 June 2015 – 10 am***

***MORNING WORSHIP***

**Pentecost 3**

**Guest Worship Leader and Preacher: Vera Ryan**

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*Chorale Prelude in the style of J.S.Bach (Ave Maris Stella III)*

Marcel Dupré (1886 - 1971)

*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**

**Hymn 216**      *Rejoice, the Lord is King*      (Tune: 371 Darwall)

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

...This is the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Doxology 215

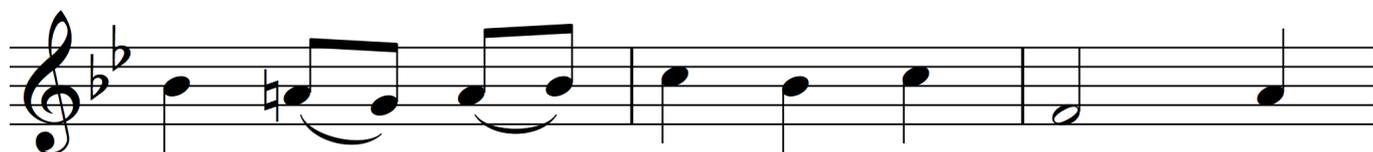
*Then let us adore (Laudate Dominum)*



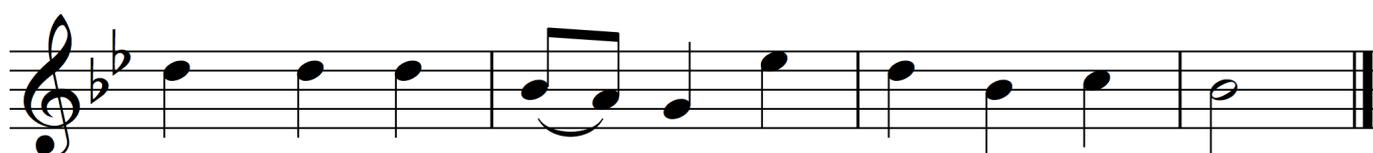
Then let us a - dore, and give him his right, all



glo - ry and power, all wis-dom and might, all hon-our and



bles - sing with an - gels a - bove, and



thanks ne - ver - ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love.

## 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*

# *The Service of the Word*

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

**A light to our path.**

## **First Reading**

*1 Samuel 15: 34 - 16:13*

**34** Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. **35** Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

**1** The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." **2** Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' **3** Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." **4** Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" **5** He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. **6** When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." **7** But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." **8** Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." **10** Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." **11** Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he

comes here." **12** He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## **Hymn 28**

*God is our strength and salvation*

*[paraphrase of Psalm 46]*

(Dam Busters March)

## **Childrens' Talk**

## **Anthem**

### ***Thou Visitest the Earth***

*Text: Psalm 65: 9 & 12*

*Music: Maurice Greene (1696-1755)*

"Thou visitest the earth and blessest it,  
and crownest the year with Thy goodness."

## **Gospel Reading**

*St Mark 4: 26-34*

**26** He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, **27** and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. **28** The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. **29** But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes

in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." **30** He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? **31** It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." **33** With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; **34** he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

May your word live in us:

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Hymn 130**      *We plough the fields and scatter*      (Wir pflügen)

## **Sermon**

**Hymn 456**      *Your hand, O God, has guided*      (Thornbury)

## **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 451**      *The Church's one foundation*      (Aurelia)

## 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

*First movement from Organ Concerto in B flat, Op.4, No.2*

G F Handel (1685 - 1759)