



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Pentecost 12

Led by Rev. Ross Smith

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Tierce on Taille (from "Suite du Second Ton")

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680 - 1739)

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 227 *When morning gilds the skies*
(Laudes Domini)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology 335 *Praise to the Father be* (Narenza)



Musical notation for the doxology. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Praise to the Fath-er be, and sole-be-gott-en Son; praise, ev-er ho-ly Par-a-clete while end-less ag-es run."

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 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. **11** The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. **12** So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. **4** The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." **6** And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. **7** And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. **8** And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. **9** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" **10** It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. **11** God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, **12** I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. **13** I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. **14** If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Hymn 155 *O Lord my God* (O Store Gud)

[hymn based on Psalm 111]

Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 15-20

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, **16** making the most of the time, because the days are evil. **17** So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, **20** giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

O Taste and See

Words: Psalm 34: 8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Gospel Reading

John 6: 51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." **52** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" **53** So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; **55** for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. **56** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. **58** This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

May your word live in us: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn 520

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
(St Helen)

Sermon

Making the Most of Our Time

Hymn 411

Filled with the Spirit's power (Woodlands)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 105

Let all the world in every corner sing
(Luckington)

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

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)