



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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Pentecost 22

Morning Worship

Led by Rev. Ken Day

Preacher: Mr David Greatorex AO

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Berceuse (from 24 Pièces en style libre) - Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn 134 *Praise, my soul* (Praise, my soul)

Prayers of Adoration and Praise.

Remaining seated:

Hymn 350 *There is a green hill far away* (Horsley)

Prayers of Confession

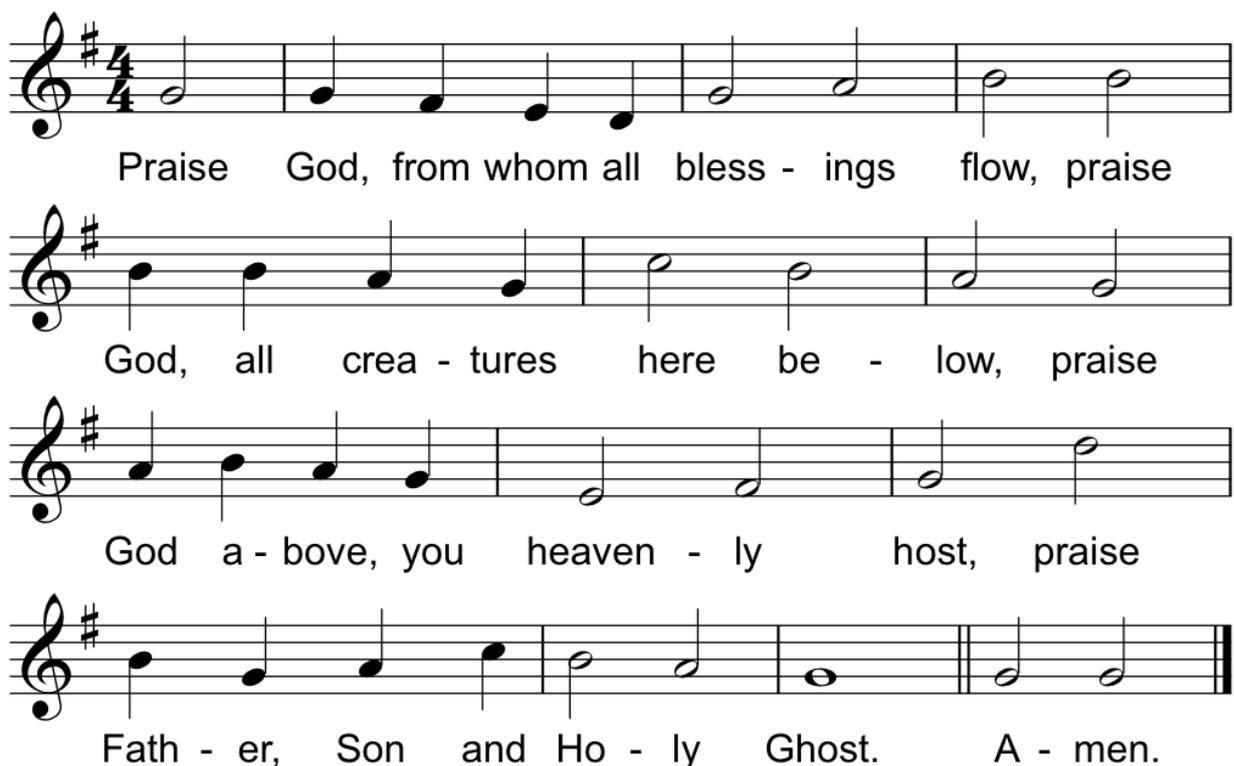
Declaration of Forgiveness

...In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the Doxology:

Doxology 768(i) *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise
God, all creatures here below, praise
God above, you heavenly host, praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Welcome

Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 457 *The church's one foundation* (Aurelia)

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading

A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures is from **Deuteronomy 8:17-20**

Listen for the Word of God to you:

¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. ¹⁹If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

A reading from the Christian Scriptures from **Philippians 4:11-13**

¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Our reading from the Christian Scriptures from **1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13**

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all

work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come down, O Love divine

Text: Bianco de Siena (d. 1434)

Tr. R.F. Littledale

Music: William Harris (1883 - 1973)

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Sermon Preacher: Mr David Greatorex AO

Responding to the Word

Silent Prayer

Offering

During this time tithes, thank offerings, and food for Newtown Mission will be brought forward.

Prayers of the people and dedication.

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:

*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.*

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 599(ii) *Take my life, and let it be* (Nottingham)

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Sung Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Prelude and Chaconne, BuxWV 137 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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