

St Nicholas Church 14.07.2024

Call to Worship

Opening prayer

Hymn – O for a thousand tongues to sing (MP 496) 5x verses

Bible – Colossians 2: 6-13 [NLT]

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

Hymn – All hail the Lamb (SofF 8) 1x verse, sung twice

All age talk

Hymn – O love that will not let me go (MP 515) 4x verses

Reflection – Rooted in Grace

Offering – Take my life, Lord, let it be (MP 624) 6x verses

Prayer of intercession and Lords Prayer

Oh Lord God,
You are a God of compassion and love.
Time after time we have experienced your care and provision.
Time after time You've answered our prayers and met our needs—
often in ways we could never have dreamed possible.
We praise You for Your faithful love toward us.

Because we have known Your love,
we come to You with confidence,

offering our prayers for the world that You love.

We see so much pain and suffering;
so much anger and frustration and despair.
It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the needs around us.
But we continue to bring our prayers to You in faith,
because we know that nothing is impossible for You.
You are the God who rained down bread from heaven,
and made water flow from a rock in the desert;
the God who resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead,
and who brings new life and hope to all who believe.
For You, all things are possible.
Hear our prayers.

We pray for those suffering the effects of recent natural disasters....
(insert petitions here)

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,
hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

We pray for the regions of our world caught up in violence and threats of violence:
(insert petitions here)

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,
hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

We pray for those who live with serious illness,
those with chronic pain,
those without access to proper medical care,
those for whom treatment is no longer an option.
Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,
hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

Merciful God,
You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live—
the way of deep humility and obedience.
You've called us to love one another,
and to work together with one heart and mind,
balancing our needs with the needs of those around us.
Give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity—
with actions that bear witness to the words we speak,
and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships—
so that our lives will bring glory and honour to You,
our Redeemer and Lord.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,
For ever. Amen

Hymn – To God be the glory (MP 708) 2x verses

Benediction

Grace

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