

Sunday 3rd March 2024 – St Nicholas

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Song** – CH4 502/MP 624 Take my life and let it be (6x verses)

**Bible 1** – Psalm 86:8-13

**Bible 2** – Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

**Song** – CH4 495 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart (5x verses)

**Prayer**

**Song** – MP 353 Peace like a river (3x verses)

**Reflection**

**Offering** – Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow 1x verse)

**Prayer for the offering**

**Prayer for others and Lord's prayer**

**Song** – CH4 154/MP 506 O Lord my God (How great thou art) (4x verses)

**Benediction**

**Grace**

Psalm 86:8-13

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8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.

9 All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.

10 For you are great and do marvellous deeds;  
you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, Lord,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.

12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.

13 For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.

Mark 12:1-12

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### **The Parable of the Tenants**

12 Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 2 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

6 “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

7 “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9 “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
11 the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes’?”

12 Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.