

Jerusalem,

in all Judea

and Samaria,

**and to the ends
of the earth**



Family Service

10.30 a.m. 9 January 2022

Welcome

Song – Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true heir
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

High King of heaven, when battle is done
Grant heavens joys to me, O bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

OPENING PRAYER

**Dear God, our Heavenly Father,
we thank you for all of your goodness
towards us in the past year
and we ask for your blessing
on the year to come. Amen.**

CONFESSION

**We confess we have not always
lived as you would wish.
We have done things that are wrong
and we have not always made an effort
to do the things that are right.
We ask for your forgiveness
and help in the coming year
always to try to do our best.
We asked this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire
you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Song – Father God, I wonder

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge of your parenthood
and Your loving care
But now I am your child, I am adopted in Your family
and I can never be alone 'cause, Father God,
you're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises

I will sing Your praises forever more

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises

I will sing Your praises forever more

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BIRTHDAYS



*Everyone who has had a birthday since our last
Family Service is welcome to join us at the front
and receive a candle. We then sing the following:*

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
may God bless you and keep you, happy birthday to you.

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

THINKING ABOUT GOD'S GOODNESS



Our younger members are invited to help us understand the rainbow people of God

Jesus said 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' *Acts 1.8*



Our younger members share their thoughts and creativity

Song – God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received
Freely, freely give*

*Go in my name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live"*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely..."

God gives us life in Jesus name,
He lives in us in Jesus name.
And in Jesus name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to

He said, "Freely, freely..."

PRAYERS

*We bring our concerns
and requests to God*

THE 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Song – The Spirit lives to set us free

The Spirit lives to set us free, Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light, Walk in the light,
Walk in the light, Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all, Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light...

By Jesus love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light...

The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light...

BLESSING

May the eternal God
who is Lord of each day of our lives,
give us energy to serve,
recreation for joy and rest to refresh us,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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