

WE GATHER TOGETHER

A greeting from the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor James McKenna

A Greeting from the Methodist Church in Brno, Czech Republic.

Oxford Place 1835-2010 A Video Memory

Anthem of Praise: Rejoice the Lord is King (*Malcolm Archer (b.1950)*)

WE MAKE OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

The people gather,
From the East and from the West
From the North and from the South,
Into the Kingdom of God.
So rejoice and let praise be done!

Congregational Hymn

John Henry Newman (1801-90) Tune: Billing, (Hymns and Psalms 231(ii))

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he, who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Praise to the holiest,
Praise God in the highest heavens
Praise God in all the earth,
Praise God in time and place,
Praise God in history and into eternity.
Let us join our voices with the angels, to rejoice.

Rejoice in the story of God,
Announced through creation,
Proclaimed by saints and sages,
Recalled by priests and prophets,
Made real to us in Jesus Christ.
Let us give thanks for the salvation which comes to us.

Let us give thanks for the love of God,
made real though our involvement,
in the Father with the story of this place,
in Christ with the story of the world,
in the Spirit with each other's story
in the grace which comes to each of us.

And as that grace is announced,
So let us recognise it in our lives.
When we forget the power of the love that first found us;
When we forget the calling we first heard;
When we forget the joy of the Gospel;
But hear the words of forgiveness.

And so, forgiven, loved, and free
let the people of God praise God!
Let us praise God the Father of all grace!
Let us praise God the triumphant living Christ!
Let us praise God the life-giving Spirit!
Praise to the holiest in the height!

Amen

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Congregational Hymn

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Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings from Scripture

Acts 11.1 -18
Revelation 21.1-6

Marjorie Cossey
Paul Berry

We Consider the Words of Scripture Ryder

The Rev Caroline

Congregational Hymn

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) Tune: Dominus Regit Me
(Hymns and Psalms 69(i)) based on Psalm 23*

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransom soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;

Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
The cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

The Sermon
Gamble

The Rev David

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Hymn

The collection will be taken up during the singing of this hymn

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us you own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

Christ, be our light...

The placing of the Time Capsule

The Rev David Gamble
The Rev Dr Adrian Burdon
Rachel and Kacey Burdon, Mary Williams

Anthem for Reflection: Locus Iste (Anton Bruckner (1824-96))

*Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.
This place was made by God a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

The Rev David Weeks

Prayers of Intercession

The Rev Neil Dixon

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.
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

Congregational Hymn

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Calamus License No 1701 Tune: Normandy (Bost) (Hymns and Psalms 517(ii))*

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery;
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still God's work of art unfolds;
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
all God's children brought to birth;
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth;
and a million, million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
nothing shall be left to chance;
all that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance;

all fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known;
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Rev David Gamble

Recessional/Congregational Hymn

Joseph Hart (1712-68) Tune: Celeste (Hymns and Psalms 277(i))

This, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,
Whose love is as great as his power,
And neither knows measure nor end.

Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.

Please join us for refreshments in the lounge café after the service