

First hymn:

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

F.J. van Alstyne - (1820-1915)

Tune: To God be the glory

Psalm

After the first reading we remain seated as the Choir sings from Psalm 104(vv 26 – 37) in 3 sections, this response is used:

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Offertory hymn:

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it –
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
"Jesus is Lord!"

Chorus

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias,
for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding –
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God send his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Words and Music D.J. Mansell (LHON 394)

At Communion if you wish to receive from the chalice – the common cup – please make your way to the Font (by the entrance). If you would rather have the host intincted in the wine by the Priest please come to the front.

Communion Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest - to both great and small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish - but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W.C. Smith (1824-1908)

Music: St Deino (377)

*On Friday we welcomed some of those who wish to explore their faith with us to
prepare for Confirmation, today we welcome those who could not be there then*

My friends what do you ask of God's Church ?

Answer Faith

What does faith offer you ?

Answer Eternal Life

The Priest speaks to those exploring their faith, ending ...

Are you prepared to begin this journey today under the
guidance of Christ?

Answer I am

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, will you be companions
to them on their journey of faith; will you support and
strengthen them by your friendship, love and prayers?

All We will

Father of mercy,
we thank you for these your servants.
You have sought and summoned them in many ways
and they have turned to seek you.
You have called them today
and they have answered in our presence:
we praise you, Lord, and we bless you:

we praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

The Ministers sign each person seeking confirmation with the sign of the cross on their forehead as a sign of their new way of life – exploring their faith and seeking to walk in the light of Christ.

N. receive the cross on your forehead.

After all have been signed

It is Christ himself who now strengthens you

With this sign of his love.

Learn to know him and follow him.

After a prayer each person is presented with a copy of a Gospel by the Parish ministry team with the words

Receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God

My dear friends, go in peace and explore your faith,

Walk with Christ and prepare for your confirmation,

And may the Lord remain always with you.

Final Hymn

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, th'eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *[Refrain]*

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,

sinners justified:

[Refrain]

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!

Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *[Refrain]*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing
this shall be our song: *[Refrain]*

Words: M. Seward (b.1932) Tune: Guiting Power

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