

S[†]Andrew's Kirk Ella

Morning Prayer

27th June 2021

Welcome – we are glad to see you. We meet to hear God speak through his Word, to thank him for his goodness to us, to bring our own needs before him, to pray for his world, and to encourage each other. Our aim is to encounter the living God together, through his Son Jesus Christ, and to discover in our daily experience the difference that a relationship with heaven makes to our lives.

Theme: John 6:40: *My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.*

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.**

Isaiah 2.3 NIV

Come people of the risen king,
who delight to bring him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
 and those weeping through the night;
 come, those who tell of battles won,
 and those struggling in the fight.
 For his perfect love will never change,
 and his mercies never cease,
 but follow us through all our days
 with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land-
 men and women of the faith;
 come, those with full or empty hands-
 find the riches of his grace.
 Over all the world, his people sing-
 shore to shore we hear them call
 the truth that cries through every age
 'Our God is all in all'!

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Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Reading: Psalm 82

- ¹ God presides in the great assembly;
 he renders judgment among the 'gods':
- ² 'How long will you defend the unjust
 and show partiality to the wicked?
- ³ Defend the weak and the fatherless;
 uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
- ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
 deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- ⁵ 'The "gods" know nothing, they understand nothing.
 They walk about in darkness;
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ 'I said, "You are 'gods';
 you are all sons of the Most High."
⁷ But you will die like mere mortals;
 you will fall like every other ruler.'
⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
 for all the nations are your inheritance.
 (NIV)

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God
 Our God is a great big God
 And He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper
 He's deeper than a submarine
 He's wider than the universe
 And beyond my wildest dreams
 He's known me and He's loved me
 Since before the world began
 How wonderful to be a part of
 God's amazing plan

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Notices

Speak O Lord as we come to You

To receive the food of Your holy word
 Take Your truth plant it deep in us
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
 That the light of Christ might be seen today
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
 Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
 All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
 Holy reverence true humility
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes
 In the radiance of Your purity
 Cause our faith to rise
 Cause our eyes to see
 Your majestic love and authority
 Words of power that can never fail
 Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
 That will echo down through eternity
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
 Speak O Lord till Your church is built
 And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Reading: John 10.22-42

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.'

³¹ Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?'

³³ 'We are not stoning you for any good work,' they replied, 'but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.'

³⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your Law, "I have said you are 'gods'"? ³⁵ If he called them "gods", to whom the word of God came – and Scripture cannot be set aside – ³⁶ what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, "I am God's Son"? ³⁷ Do not believe me unless I do

the works of my Father. ³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.' ³⁹ Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

⁴⁰ Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptising in the early days. There he stayed, ⁴¹ and many people came to him. They said, 'Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.' ⁴² And in that place many believed in Jesus. (NIV)

Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Sermon

To God be the glory! Great things he has 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 has 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 has taught us, great things he has 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!

Fanny Jane Crosby

Prayers

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.

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and king,
 The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
 He sets the prisoner free;
 His blood can make the foulest clean,
 His blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
 New life the dead receive;
 The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Praise be to the LORD the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.
Let all the people say, "**Amen!**" **Praise the LORD.**

Psalm 106:48 NIV

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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