

North Kent Circuit Service
Sunday 26th March 2023 10.30am
Rev Robin Selmes

The Broadcast will commence at 10.15am on Sunday morning with music, the service will begin at 10.30am Throughout the service, music will be broadcast, and the words will appear on the screen.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn:

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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Opening prayers

Lord's prayer

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

Hymn: Amazing grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

When I've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
I've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when I've first begun

John Newton

Reading: Revelation 11:15-17

Sermon

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
Tis the Father's pleasure, we shall call him
Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he
passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central
height;
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's
breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again
With his Father's glory, with his angel train
For all wreaths of empire; Meet upon his bow
And our hearts confess him, king of glory now

Caroline Maria Noel

Prayers of intercession

Prayer Response: "May your kingdom
come!"

Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Saviour's birth

And lo, when they had seen it
They all bowed down and prayed;
They travelled on together
To where the Babe was laid.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born. (Repeat)*

Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor

Blessing

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