

**North Kent Circuit Service**  
**Sunday 27th August 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: Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

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!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs',  
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....*

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 sends His Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power  
That Jesus is Lord.

*Jesus is Lord....*

**David J Mansell**

Opening Prayers

Hymn: God is love

God is love: his the care,  
Tending each, ev'rywhere,  
God is love, all is there!  
Jesus came to show him,  
that we all might know him!

Refrain:  
Sing aloud, loud, loud!  
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God is good! God is truth!  
God is beauty! Praise him!

Jesus lived here for men,  
Strove and died, rose again  
Rules our hearts, now as then  
For he came to save us  
By the truth he gave us. [Refrain]

To our Lord praise we sing,  
Light and life, friend and King,  
Coming down, love to bring,  
Pattern for our duty,  
Showing God in beauty. [Refrain]

**Percy Dearmer**

Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn: I cannot tell why he, whom angels  
worship

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship  
should set his love  
upon the human race  
or why as shepherd he should seek the  
wanderers  
To bring them back  
Within the fold of grace  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,  
when Bethlehem's manger

was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the saviour,  
saviour of the world, has come.

I cannot tell  
how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace  
he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart  
upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain  
to three and thirty years.  
But this I know,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin,  
and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden  
from the heavy laden,  
for still the saviour,  
saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell  
How all the lands shall worship,  
When at his bidding  
Every storm I stilled  
Or Who can say  
How great the jubilation  
When all our hearts  
With love for him are filled.  
But this I know,  
the skies will fill with rapture  
And myriad, myriad  
Human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven,  
and heaven to earth, will answer:  
'At last the saviour,  
saviour of the world, is king!'

**William Fullerton**

Meditation "Crumbs from the Table"

Quiet Reflection

Hymn: Let us build a house

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

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 free us:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are  
welcome in this place.*

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  
bears the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are  
welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are  
welcome in this place*

**Marty Haugen**

Prayer

## Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Hymn: When I needed a neighbour

When I needed a neighbour  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty  
Were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked  
Were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?

When I needed a healer  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?

Wherever you travel  
I'll be there, I'll be there  
Wherever you travel, I'll be there  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
I'll be there

## Blessing

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