

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ONLINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 20th September 2020

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John Ekin

Organ Prelude Minuet - Purcell

Welcome and Announcements

INTROIT O for a heart to praise my God (St. Ethelreda)

Scripture Sentence

PRAISE 241 The Lord is King! lift up your voice
(Church Triumphant)

- 1 The Lord is King! lift up your voice,
O earth, and all you heavens, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring,
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'
- 2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
resist His will, distrust His care
or murmur at His wise decrees,
or doubt His royal promises?
- 3 The Lord is King! child of the dust,
the Judge of all the earth is just;
holy and true are all His ways;
let every creature speak His praise!
- 4 Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
Christ will present them at the throne;
and He is at the Father's side,
the Man of love, the Crucified.
- 6 One Lord, one empire, all secures;
He reigns, and life and death are Yours;
through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

Josiah Conder, 1789-1885

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8

PRAISE There's a wideness in God's mercy (Cross of Jesus)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven:
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

If our love were but more simple,
We would take Him at His word;
And our lives be filled with glory
From the glory of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber, 1814-1863

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:19-30

PRAISE Just as I am, without one plea (Saffron Walden)

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down –
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above –
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Prayer

Sermon Ephroditus – an example to us all

*Philippians 2:25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you
Ephroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier*

Family together
Working together
Fighting the battles together

PRAISE 528 What grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
(St. Bernard)

- 1 What grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
around Your steps below!
What patient love was seen in all
Your life and death of woe!
- 2 For ever on Your burdened heart
a weight of sorrow hung,
yet no ungentle, murmuring word
escaped Your silent tongue.
- 3 Your foes might hate, despise, revile,
Your friends unfaithful prove:
unwearied in forgiveness still,
Your heart could only love.
- 4 O give us hearts to love like You,
like You, O Lord, to grieve
far more for others' sins than all
the wrongs that we receive.
- 5 One with Yourself, may every eye
in all of humankind
behold that grace and gentleness
which, Lord, in You we find.

Edward Denny, 1796-1889

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Nun Danket (Rowley)