

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ONLINE ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 9th May 2021
Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell
Organist: Mr John Ekin

Piano Prelude The Stranger of Galilee C.H. Morris arr. H. Geehl

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Thuma mina – South African trad.

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 359 We have a gospel to proclaim (Fulda)

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.
- 2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all He loved His life He gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.
- 5 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

6 Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Edward Joseph Burns, b. 1938

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

PRAISE 261 Almighty God, Your word is cast (St. Stephen)

- 1 Almighty God, Your word is cast
like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend,
and righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
this holy seed remove:
but give it root in every heart,
to bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy;
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Your quickening grace bestow;
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving power may know.

John Cawood, 1775-1852

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:9-20

PRAISE Psalm 8 2nd version O Lord, our Lord, how excellent
(Rothley)

1 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent
In all the earth they name!
who hast they glory set above
the starry frame.

2 From infants' and from sucklings' mouths
Is strength by thee ordained,
that so the avenger may be quelled,
the foe restrained.

3 When I behold they spacious heavens,
the work of thine own hand,
the moon and stars in order set
by thy command;

4 O, what is man, that thou
should'st him
in kind remembrance bear?
Or what the son of man, that thou
for him should'st care?

5 For thou a little lower hast
him than the angels made;
with honour and with glory thou
hast crowned his head

6 Lord of thy works thou hast him made:
all unto him must yield,
all sheep and oxen, yea, and beasts
which roam the field,

7 Fowl of the air, fish of the sea,
all that pass through the same.
O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth
how great thy name!

Prayer

Sermon The Sevens

PRAISE 492 Before the throne of God above

- 1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands,
my name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no power can force me to depart,
no power can force me to depart.

- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

- 3 Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
my perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die:
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Charitie L. De Chenez, 1841-1923

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Jesus lives! - Coleman