

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Conducted by Rev Paul Dalzell**  
**Organist: Mrs Isabel Keenan**

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit We love the place, O God

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 211 I will sing the wondrous story

1 I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me --  
how He left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me --  
sing it with His saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2 I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but His presence still is with me,  
by His guiding hand I'm led.

3 He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me --  
sing it with His saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

### PRAISE 408 In Christ alone

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all-in-all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
  
- 2 In Christ alone -- who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe;  
this gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid.  
here in the death of Christ I live.
  
- 3 There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine --  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
  
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10

Anthem In His Time

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 147 Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing

- 1 Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim.  
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer to what a Church should be.
  
- 2 Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.
  
- 3 Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and His word.  
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,  
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,  
to praise His glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Sermon The Lost Coin

PRAISE 635 God of mercy, God of grace (Petra)  
*(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)*

1 God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of Your face:  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill Your Church with light divine;  
and Your saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise You, Lord;  
be by all that live adored:  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at Your feet their tribute pay,  
and Your holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise You, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford,  
God to us His blessing give,  
we to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

### Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

### Prayer

PRAISE 86 God is so good

1 God is so good,  
God is so good,  
God is so good,  
He's so good to me.

2 He took my sin,  
He took my sin,  
He took my sin,  
He's so good to me.

3 Now I am free,

now I am free,  
now I am free,  
He's so good to me.

4 God is so good,  
He took my sin,  
now I am free,  
He's so good to me.

Benediction & Choral Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY & 28<sup>th</sup> May – Sharon Goldie, Audrey Thomas and Joyce Currie

4<sup>th</sup> June – Children's Day

### **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY & 28<sup>th</sup> May – Ivan and Pat Crawford

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June – Stewart Holland and Ian Wilson

**Session** next meet this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Edgar McCutcheon Room.

We were due to meet as a Congregation this Wednesday evening to hear Reports from Lowry & Chris, together with the Architects & Quantity Surveyors in relation to the Tenders for the

**Refurbishment Project**, which were returned earlier in this past week.

However, disappointingly, the Tenders were substantially higher than expected and we have now instructed the Design Team to thoroughly investigate where savings can be made. As we anticipate that this will take some time, we considered that there would be no benefit in holding our planned meeting this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. It is therefore postponed, until such time as we are in a position to report back and make recommendations to you. Regards Lowry

**Communion Service** next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am.

