

**St Nicholas Durham**  
**Service of the Word Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 6.30pm**

*Our Leader is Claire Elwood*

*Our Preacher is Arun Arora*

*Bible Reader is Lydia Cave*

*Prayers are led by Stephanie Trigger*

*Our Dung Worship is led by Ryan and Alison Mackey*

**Welcome and preparation**

**Opening songs**

**Your Love Is Amazing**

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see You,  
All Your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song rising up in me

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my  
Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with  
Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,  
they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt  
be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy  
faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I  
see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto  
me!

Summer and winter, and springtime  
and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and  
love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that  
endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and  
to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside!

## Confession

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen**

## Bible Reading Matt 15: 21-28

Read by Lydia Cave

## Sermon

Our Preacher today is Arun Arora

## **Response Song**

### **Only By Grace Can We Enter**

Only by grace can we enter  
Only by grace can we stand  
Not by our human endeavour  
But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us  
You call us to come  
Into Your presence You draw us  
And now by Your grace we come  
Now by Your grace we come

Lord, if You mark our transgressions  
Who would stand?  
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed  
By the blood of the Lamb

## **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, how was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers**

Led by Stephanie Trigger

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## Offertory Prayer

## Song

### Our God

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like you  
None like you

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's No one like you  
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?  
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## Blessing and Dismissal

**All: In darkness and in light  
in trouble and in joy  
help us, heavenly Father  
to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen**