

St Nicholas Church Durham
Service of the Word Sunday 16 August 2020 at 6.30pm

Our service is led by Fiona Cuthill

Our Preacher is David Day

Bible Reading by Olivia Kemp

Intercessions are led by Mary Yasini

Our sung worship is led by Tim Packer and Abi Deadman

Theme: I am the True Vine

Welcome and preparation

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake...be still and know that I am God...

Songs

Rescuer

He's our Rescuer, hey
He's our Rescuer, hey
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound hey
Oh how grace abounds, hey
We will praise the lord, our rescuer

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the
one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed
For the good lord has
come to seek and save

He's our Rescuer, hey
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Oh how sweet the sound, hey
Oh how grace abounds, hey
We will praise the lord, our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
OH the good lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good lord is the way, the truth and life

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We are free from sin forevermore
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Oh how grace abounds, hey
We will praise the lord, our rescuer

So come and be chainless
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
For there is redemption
For every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary

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Oh how sweet the sound, hey
Oh how grace abounds, hey

We will praise the lord, our Rescuer
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Crowns

There is a hill I cherish
Where stood a precious tree
The emblem of Salvation
The gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit
While He is crucified
Yet as His life was taken
So I was granted mine

*My wealth is in the cross
There's nothing more I want
Than just to know His love
My heart is set on Christ
And I will count all else as loss
The greatest of my crowns
Mean nothing to me now
For I've counted up the cost
And all my wealth is in the cross*

I will not boast in riches
I have no pride in gold
But I will boast in Jesus
And in His Name alone

*My wealth is in the cross
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My heart is set on Christ
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And all my wealth is in the cross*

And all my wealth is in the cross
Yes all my wealth is in the cross

And when I stand in glory
My crowns before the Lord
Let this be my confession
My wealth is in the cross

*My wealth is in the cross
There's nothing more I want
Than just to know His love
My heart is set on Christ
And I will count all else as loss
The greatest of my crowns
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Confession

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.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by His Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible reading John 15: 1-17

Read by Olivia Kemp

Sermon

Our preacher today is David Day

Song/Reflection

Beautiful Saviour

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Apostles Creed (video)

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.

Intercessions

led by Mary Yasini

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

Yours Lord is the greatness the power the glory the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give you. Amen.

Concluding worship

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly trust is Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in
the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His
face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet
sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Concluding Prayer

May the presence of the Creator refresh you, may the comfort of the Son renew you, may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you to be love in action, even from a distance, in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Grace

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.**