

## Order of Service for Sunday morning – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Tom Watts is leading our service and Bishop Rob Munro is preaching.  
We extend a warm welcome to the friends and families of all those who are  
being baptised and confirmed this morning.**

### Welcome & Opening Prayer

#### **Song: 'There is one gospel'**

*(Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Verse 4, Ending)*

#### **THERE IS ONE GOSPEL ON WHICH I STAND**

For all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Saviour down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Saviour the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## **The Baptisms of William Magelssen, Andrew Onaka and Lemuel Ku**

## **The Confirmations of Advait Sahay, Arnav Sahay, David Duhu, Daniel Duhu, Elahe Lotfali and Zachary Watts**

**Minister:** Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people new life by water and the Spirit,  
and through faith in your Son.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Testimony 1**

### **Presentation of the Candidates**

*Candidates to stand*

*A question to those who are candidates for baptism*

**Bishop: Do you wish to be baptised?**

Candidates: I do

*A question to the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised*

**Bishop: Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit?**

Candidates: I have

**Bishop: Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?**

Candidates: I am

**Bishop: Faith is the gift of God to his people. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?**

*All: With the help of God, we will.*

### **The Decision**

**Bishop: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:**

**Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?**

Candidates: I reject them.

**Bishop: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?**

Candidates: I renounce them.

**Bishop: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?**

Candidates: I repent of them.

**Bishop: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?**

Candidates: I turn to Christ.

**Bishop: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?**

Candidates: I submit to Christ.

**Bishop: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?**

Candidates: I come to Christ.

**Bishop: May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the Way.**

*All: Amen.*

### **Profession of Faith**

**Bishop:** Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates, the faith of the church.

**Do you believe and trust in God the Father?**

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

**Bishop:** Do you believe and trust in His son, Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord,  
who 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,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Bishop:** Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

## **Baptism**

**Minister:** Is this your faith?

Baptism candidates: It is

**Minister:** I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

**Minister:** Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

All: Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

**Minister:**     **May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.**

All:             Amen.

**Children's song: 'We are the church'**

*(Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Bridge, Bridge, Chorus)*

**BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN**

God made a masterplan  
To bring all things together  
Under one head  
That head is Jesus Christ  
Who died and rose to life  
And now he's seated  
At the right hand of God

Once we were dead in sin  
Now we are raised with him  
By grace we're saved, through faith  
In Jesus alone  
Part of his body now  
United by his power  
Joined with his people  
A-all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?  
He washed us clean with his word  
He chose us to be on his team  
We are more loved than we could dream  
We've got good news, shout it out  
You've got to hear what it's all about  
No-one's too far away to be  
Welcomed into God's family*

Speaking the truth in love  
To build the body up  
We serve each other  
Using gifts from the King  
We pray for unity  
So everyone will see  
God's plan in action  
In his people today

One Lord, one faith  
One God, one Father  
One body, one Spirit  
We are one in Christ  
One hope, one truth  
One cross, one Saviour  
One mission, one future  
We are one in Christ

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## **Testimony 2**

### **Confirmation**

*The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says:*

**Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

All: Who has made heaven and earth.

**Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

All: Now and for ever. Amen

*The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:*

**Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants  
new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.**

All: Amen.

*The bishop addresses each candidate by name:*

**N, God has called you by name and made you his own.**

**Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.**

All: Amen.

All: Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

**Greeting**

***Children aged 0-11 (Year 6) leave for their own activities downstairs.***

***This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-10) will stay upstairs in the service.***

**Song: 'When I was lost'**

*(Verse 1, Chorus 1, Verse 2, Chorus 1, Ending)*

**WHEN I WAS LOST, YOU CAME AND RESCUED ME:**

reached down into the pit and lifted me.

O Lord, such love,

I was as far from you as I could be.

You know all the things I've ever done,

but Jesus' blood has cancelled ev'ry one.

O Lord, such grace to qualify me as your own.

*There is a new song in my mouth,*

*there is a deep cry in my heart,*

*a hymn of praise to Almighty God,*

*hallelujah!*

*And now I stand firm on this rock,*

*my life is hidden now with Christ in God.*

*The old has gone and the new has come,*

*hallelujah!*

*your love has lifted me.*

Now I have come into your family,  
for the Son of God has died for me.

O Lord, such peace,

I am as loved by you as I could be.

In the full assurance of your love

now with ev'ry confidence we come.

O Lord, such joy to know that you delight in me.

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**Notices**

**Confession:**

*Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Prayers: Hannah Rue**

**Song: 'Gentle and lowly'**

*(Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Verse 4)*

### **GENTLE AND LOWLY PATIENT AND KIND**

Ever approachable saviour of mine  
All of my weakness meets your embrace  
Failure and sin meet compassion and grace  
Gentle and lowly Patient and kind  
Ever approachable saviour of mine

Seeing my suffering knowing my fear  
Mercy compels you in love to draw near  
Joy without measure flows through your soul  
Taking my burdens and bearing them all  
Seeing my suffering knowing my fear  
Mercy compels you in love to draw near

Humble redeemer there on the tree  
Nothing could stop you from suffering for me  
Speechless in wonder angels above  
Never had seen such self-emptying love  
Humble redeemer there on the tree  
Nothing could stop you from suffering for me

Gentle and lowly patient and kind  
No other saviour like Jesus I find  
Though my heart changes yours never does  
Ever unchanging compassion and love  
Gentle and lowly patient and kind  
No other saviour like Jesus I find  
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**Reading: Romans 12:1-2 on page 1129**

Sermon: Living sacrifices

### **Commission**

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,  
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, we will**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, we will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Song: 'Lord be my vision'**

*(Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Verse 4, Verse 5)*

#### **LORD BE MY VISION SUPREME IN MY HEART**

Bid every rival give way and depart  
You my best thought in the day or the night  
Waking or sleeping your presence my light

Lord be my wisdom and be my true word  
I ever with you and you with me Lord  
You my great Father and I your true child  
Once far away but by love reconciled

Lord be my breastplate my sword for the fight  
Be my strong armour for you are my might

You are my shelter and you my high tower  
Raise me to heaven O Power of my power

I need no riches nor earth's empty praise  
You my inheritance through all my days  
All of your treasure to me you impart  
High King of heaven the first in my heart

High King of heaven when battle is done  
Grant heaven's joy to me bright heaven's sun  
Christ of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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**Final blessing**