

Final Hymn:

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

NOTICES

The Story of Gideon and other stories: As we have no Sunday School this week in July and August, the main 10:15am service will be made a bit more family friendly. Today we start the story of Gideon, the reluctant hero.

Thank you: Michael & Margaret would like to give a big thank you to all members of St Matthew's who contributed to the wonderful farewell gift of a wall mirror, in a decorated Ethiopian frame – see photo in the porch. Every time we look in it, we will be reminded of St Matthew's and all the friends we have there.

Accommodation needed: Alpha International have been offered a volunteer (an intern) to work alongside Addis Getachew, the Alpha Ethiopia Coordinator for 6 months or more. Could you offer accommodation for all or some of this time? Please speak to Father Michael.

Do you know someone with a paper shredder? We need to get a load of shredded paper for the science programme which Derby High School are running for the Library 7-18 July. If you do, please speak to Father Michael.

Mid-week Service: Please note that this week there will not be a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday.

Programme next Sunday, 6th July 2008:

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Family Service
11.15am Holy Communion
12.30pm St Matthew's Sudanese Congregation
3.00pm Marriage Preparation Course
5.00pm St Matts @ Five

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Addis Ababa

Trinity 6
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*We extend a warm welcome to everyone
joining us for worship today*

Opening Hymn:

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love you;
since your mercies never cease,
faith shall prove you!
You have granted my request,
you have heard me;
though my sinful soul transgressed,
you have spared me.

Praises with my utmost art
I will bring you;
songs of triumph from my heart
I will sing you.
Though my sins against me cried,
this shall cheer me:
God in Christ has justified
and will clear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise you;
worship lifts my heart to heaven,
love obeys you;
Once you died, when no-one sought
to console you;
now eternity's too short
to extol you.

G Herbert (1593-1633) © this version Jubilate Hymns

Collect:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gideon, the Reluctant Hero – Episode 1

NT Reading: Romans 6:12-23 (p799)

Gradual Hymn:

How good is the God we adore,
our faithful, unchangeable friend,
whose love is as great as his power
and knows neither measure nor end!

For Christ is the first and the last;
his Spirit will guide us safe home:
we'll praise him for all that is past
and trust him for all that's to come.

J Hart (1712-1768)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 (p688)

Offertory Hymn:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this corner stone, 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.

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.

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.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Songs during Communion:

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,
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.
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Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful saviour, glorious Lord;
Emmanuel – God is with us!
blessed redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, bearer of my sins,
Beautiful saviour, glorious Lord:
you suffered, giving me freedom:
living redeemer, you are my Lord!

Jesus, name above all names,
suffering servant, faithful friend;
good shepherd, risen master,
King of glory, Lord of all!

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You laid aside your majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands of those
you had created;
you took all my guilt and shame,
when you died and rose again -
now today you reign in heaven
and earth exalted.

I really want to worship you, my Lord;
you have won my heart and I am yours
for ever and ever;
I will love you.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to you
in adoration.

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All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own;
all I once thought gain I have counted loss -
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing:
you're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness;
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing you . . .

Oh to know the power of your risen life,
and to know you in your sufferings;
to become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die!

Knowing you . . .

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