

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from
Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our worship,
when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915)

NOTICES

The Story of Gideon: As there is no Sunday School in July and August, we are making the main 10:15am service a bit more family friendly. There are worksheets for the children on the tables at the front.

Lambeth Conference: Pray for the Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion, gathering in Canterbury, England, for the Lambeth Conference, 16 July – 4 August. In particular, pray for Archbishop Rowan Williams (chairman) and Bishop Mouneer and Bishop Andrew.

Lambeth Prayer:

Pour down upon us, O God, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that those who attend the Lambeth Conference may be filled with wisdom and understanding.

May they know at work within them that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity, made in your image and redeemed by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christian Books in Amharic: Hazel Maunsell will be taking orders for books after the service.

Mid-week Service: There will be a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

Programme next Sunday, 20th July 2008:

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm St Matthew's Sudanese Congregation
5.00pm St Matts @ Five

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

Opening Hymn:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your
laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both
here and ever, we may be preserved in body and
soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 3

NT Reading: Romans 8:1-11 (handout)

Gradual Hymn:

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (p690)

Offertory Hymn:

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain;
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! - how can it be
that you, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
What mercy this, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay'
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
your sunrise turned that night to day;
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went out to liberty.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Songs during Communion:

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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Just as I am, without one plea
but that you died to set me free,
and at your bidding 'Come to me!',
O Lamb of God, I come,

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind!
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
all that I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am! You will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am! Your love unknown
has broken every barrier down:
now to be yours, yes, yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am! Of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a time and then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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We really want to thank you Lord,
we really want to bless your name:
Alleluia – Jesus is our king!

We thank you, Lord, for your gift to us,
your life so rich beyond compare,
the gift of your body here on earth
of which we sing and share.
We really . . .

We thank you, Lord, for our life together –
to live and move in the love of Christ,
your tenderness which sets us free
to serve you with our lives.
We really . . .

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three persons, we adore –
to him be praise for evermore!
We really . . .

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Final Hymn:

To God be the glory!
great things he has done;
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory,
great things he has done!