



Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



7th June 2020

The whole of God, for the whole of the world

Welcome to this All Age Family service

Introductory music: This Is The Day

John Rutter. Sung by the Westminster Abbey Choir and the Choristers of the Chapel Royal at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Welcome

Tina Edwards

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-2, 4

Read by the Marzetti Family

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Reading: Psalm 8: 1

Read by the Marzetti Family

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Opening prayer:

(A//)

O Lord, our sovereign,
you are at the heart of creation.
Your word brings life into being;
your peace gives living its fulfilment;
your Spirit unites us into your Son.

We draw near, seeking your love in our hearts;
your wisdom in our minds; your power in our lives.
Receive us with grace, in the name of your Son.
Amen.

Song: King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint

By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
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Songwriters: Jason Ingram / Brooke Ligertwood / Scott Ligertwood
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Song: Open Up The Heavens

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in your name
Calling out to you
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

So open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

So open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord

Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord

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The great commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age

Talk:

Simon Edwards

Song: Good Good Father

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

'Cause you are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
(x3)

You're a Good, Good Father
(You are perfect in all of your ways)
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
(You are perfect in all of your ways)
It's who I am, it's who I am it's who I am

written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown

A prayer of Confession

Led by the Brady family

Say these words together:

Father, Son, Spirit *(All)*
I confess my love of you

God the Father,
I confess my love of you because of your wondrous creation;
yet we have wasted your gifts.

Jesus, Son of God,
I confess my love of you because you are human, like me;
yet we have not loved others.

Holy Spirit,
I confess my love of you
because of the fruits and gifts you bestow;

you come in gentleness, and also in power.
yet we have been selfish and self-seeking.

Holy Trinity, we praise you: forgive our weakness.
Amen.

Prayers:

Prepared and read by 7Up members

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.

Song: King of Kings Majesty

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls

Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Written and sung by Jarrod Cooper from Songs of Praise 2010

A final prayer:

(All)

**May the grace of the Father be with us;
may the love of the Son enfold us;
and may the peace of the Spirit comfort us,
today and always.
Amen.**

Song: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace,
And give you peace,
And give you peace,
And give you peace

Amen (repeat x4)

Songwriter: John Rutter

Sung by the choir of Westminster Abbey during a service to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip April 2010

A prayer to receive Jesus:

Lord Jesus Christ,

I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. I ask for your forgiveness. Thank you for dying on the cross for me to set me free from my sins. Please come into my life and fill me with your Holy Spirit and be with me forever. Thank you. Lord Jesus. Amen

If you have made this commitment, and would like to make contact with others who are on this journey of faith, or if you do not feel ready to make this decision and would like to talk to someone about your doubts, please contact Natasha Brady at Stoke Poges church via:
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Going Deeper

Bible Notes: Matthew 28.16-20

Matthew 28.16-20 are the concluding words of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus gathers his disciples together on the mountain to speak his last words over them, before he ascends to heaven.

In verse 17, Matthew explores how all the disciples worshipped Jesus, though some doubted.

Even here, in this community of worship, there is room for those who have questions to ask.

Jesus' final command to his followers (v.19) often loses its emphasis in translation: 'Go' is not the instruction, but rather, 'As you are going...make disciples.' The instruction is to make more disciples.

The readings for today all share a focus on the importance of words – in creation, in reconciliation, in making new disciples. But these words are not to be empty; they become life-giving for the world when they derive their power from the very character of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This final commission is our commission too. Wherever we are going, we are to make disciples, passing on the story

Questions for Reflection



- The excitement of this scene is not available to us at the moment; what does excite you in lockdown?
- How might you experience the power and excitement of worship, and continue to witness, in the current circumstances?

To think about

The sports company Adidas' logo has a 'trefoil' and three horizontal stripes (meant to convey 'diversity', and all people in all places!). Find other examples of things that have an element of 'three' to them – e.g. in the natural world, in maths/geometry, in human culture or business – anywhere at all! How might any of those 'things' be used to convey something about, or give you an opportunity to talk about, the nature of the Holy Trinity?

Live your faith

Carry out three acts of 'faith sharing' this week. For example: offer a word of encouragement to someone you know; speak about your faith to a friend or family member; offer a gift to a charitable organization – all possible in lockdown!

A personal prayer

Dear God, may I Live
 In
 Faith
 Eternally.

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Matthew 28. 16-20

Jesus sends his disciples out to live for him and help others to live for him too.



Family time

Talk Do we have to use words to tell people about Jesus?

Do Take time this week to worship together as a family. Then find a way of witnessing to what you believe, e.g. give to a charity or support a local community initiative.

Pray Write down the names of the people you want to pray for and put the list in the place where you eat dinner so you can remember to pray for them.

Activity time



Draw Jesus talking to the disciples on the mountain.

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Find the words from the Bible story today in the word search.

Jesus

disciples

mountain

worshipped

doubted

power

go

baptize

commandments

c	g	w	t	k	e	v	i	w	e	t	j
t	o	x	a	r	t	i	q	o	z	d	k
d	f	m	o	p	s	b	r	r	i	x	m
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f	s	z	w	e	v	a	x	y	c	m	s



Can you tick the sentences which are correct and cross out the wrong ones?

- 13 disciples met Jesus on the mountain.
- The disciples worshipped.
- The disciples had a BBQ.
- Jesus said he would always be with the disciples.
- 11 disciples met Jesus on the mountain.
- Jesus told the disciples to tell people about God.
- Jesus told the disciples to tell people about the mountain.
- Jesus said the disciples were on their own.