



Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Sunday 14th June 2020
Led by Natasha Brady

Welcome to this Family service

“Worship God with gladness. Come into his presence and sing his praises.”

Therefore please join in using the words in bold.

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

We come before you, gracious God, just as we are.
We come with our weaknesses and our vulnerabilities.
We come with our fears and apprehensions.
We come with faith and doubt.
We come to offer and receive.
We come to you, the king of love –
in the name of your Son,
and in the power of your Spirit.

Amen.

Songs Great is thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!...

Songwriters: Rice Christopher M

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Build your Kingdom here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your Church
And we need Your power In us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
Oh, and we are the hope on earth

Build your Kingdom here... x 2

Songwriters: Chris Llewellyn / Gareth Gilkeson / Will Herron
Build Your Kingdom Here lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

Picture Pointer

Look at this picture of *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci. The original painting covers the end wall of the dining room at a monastery in Milan, Italy... and ponder on the questions Natasha asks you.



The Last Supper (1498), Convent of Sta. Maria delle Grazie, Milan, Italy

Confession

Lord, you have called us to the privilege of service,
but we have failed to serve.

You have given us the blessing of peace,
but we have chosen discord.

You have loved as a shepherd tends his sheep,
but we have strayed from your way.

Forgive us, and show us the path of obedience and faithfulness that your Son trod.

In his name, we pray.

Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Matthew 9.35- 10.8 read to us by Simon McDowell

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Sermon Nigel is opening God's Word for us today

Song Hope and glory

Hear our cry, oh King of heaven
Jesus hope to every heart
We are lost without Your glory
We are lost without You God

Be the fire, that burns within us
Flames of love that purify
Send Your power and Your salvation
Let us see Your Kingdom come

*'Cause only You can move the mountain
Only You can heal our land
Christ alone, our hope and glory
Christ alone in You we stand*

Turn Your eyes and show us mercy
How we need Your Father's love
Lead us home, and out of darkness
With Your gospel, burning bright

Cause only You can move the mountains... x2

We believe our God is mighty
We believe our God is here
We believe our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

Praise the Lord, our God is mighty
Praise the Lord, our God is here
Praise the Lord, our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

Cause only You can move the mountains...

Christ alone in You we stand

Performed by Lindsey Mackie

Songwriters: Martin Andrew Smith / Tim Hughes / Nick Herbert

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Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Intercession prepared and read to us by Rachel McCarthy

Response: Lord of love and peace ~ **Hear our prayer**

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.

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Songs 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 fulfill 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...

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 blood of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

Praise the Father, praise the Son...

Praise forever to the King of Kings

Performed by Lindsey Mackie
Songwriters: Jason Ingram / Brooke Ligertwood / Scott Ligertwood
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Final Prayer

Go to serve; go to love;
go to bring healing; go to bring peace;
go in the strength of the Father;
go in the power of Jesus;
go united by the Spirit.
Go – and know his grace.
Amen

Thank you for joining us today

Going Deeper

Bible Notes: Matthew 9.35–10.8,

The backdrop to this scene is Jesus' miracles of healing. The disciples have experienced incredible events. Jesus sent them out to mirror his actions: to heal and to preach. In doing this, he also commissions them, giving them authority over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to cure every disease and sickness.

Jesus warns of the dangers that the disciples face, likening it to sheep facing wolves. But he assures them that they are to stand firm in the Father's protection and will be given the words to say from the Holy Spirit.

As Christians we are called to mirror Jesus and the disciples, to 'Go out' into the world. But this passage reminds us that we don't do that in our own strength. When we do not have the words to say, the same Spirit of the Father that spoke to the disciples can speak to and through us.

Questions for Reflection



- How does this image relate to your experiences of going away?
- What do you think gives us, today, Jesus' authority to go out and make disciples?
- When do you most feel like you are doing Jesus' work (particularly as 'going away' is not an option at the moment)?

Live your faith

When you pass or go through a doorway, think about being sent out by Jesus to share the good news – who could you share some good news with?

A personal prayer

Lord, may I know your guidance as I seek to be a faithful disciple in the places to which you send me. Amen..

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Activity time

ROOTS children's sheet

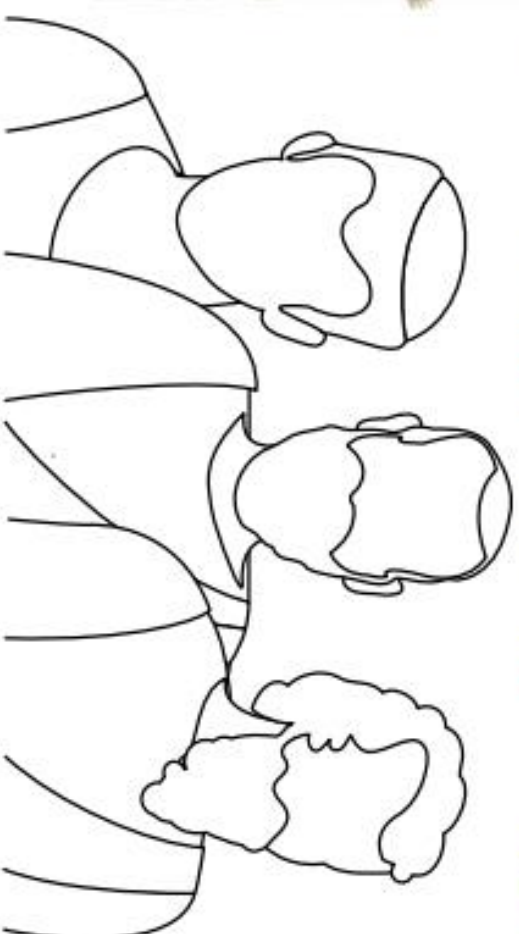
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Matthew 9.35-10.8, (9-23)

Jesus' friends go out to share all that he has taught them with the world.



Jesus sent his disciples out to share God's love with everyone. How do you think they felt? Do you think some felt different things? Draw their expressions on these faces.



Jesus gave his disciples some good advice. Look at these sets of words. Find the odd ones out and write them on the lines.

1 apple you pear	2 rabbit rat receive	3 freely small tiny
4 hour minute row	5 sweets give chocolate	6 dog freely cat

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Family time

Talk A lot of people volunteer to do all sorts of things in the community. Do you know anyone who gives their time freely?

Do Read *The smartest giant in town* by Julia Donaldson and talk about how the giant gives everything away. What might that feel like?

Pray Lord, we pray that you will give us the courage to tell people about you. Amen.



Jesus told his disciples what to say and gave them the power to do everything he asked. Write the first letter of each object to read his instructions.