



Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's

Sunday 23rd August 2020
Led by Natasha Brady



Welcome to this Family service

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

Please join in using the words in bold.

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

Lord, do we really believe that we are in the presence of the Son of the Living God?
Still our hearts now,
so that we may truly appreciate who you are.
As we hear these words of power,
we bow before you now and praise you.
Amen.

Songs

Saviour of the World

For God so loved that He gave His Son
To lay down His life for the sake of us
He bore the weight of our sin and shame
With a cry He said, "It is finished!"

Christ the Lord overcame the darkness
He's alive, death has been defeated

Chorus

*For He made us a way by which we have been saved
He's the Saviour of the world
So we lift up a shout for His fame and renown
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Jesus, Saviour of the world*

We must spread the word of His soon return
To reclaim the world for His glory
Let the church now sing of this coming King
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer

And He reigns, Ruler of the heavens
And His name is Jesus the Messiah

Chorus

Christ the Lord overcame the darkness
He's alive, death has been defeated
And He reigns, Ruler of the heavens
And His name is Jesus the Messiah

Chorus

Performed by Ben Cantelon
Songwriter Ben Cantelon
Source: [genius.com](https://www.genius.com)

Hosanna

I see the King of Glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes, yeah
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus

*Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Chorus

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Chorus x 2

In the highest

Source: [LyricFind](#)
Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood
Performed by Mercy Me

Confession

After a period of reflection

Lord, thank you that you are always ready to forgive me
when I trust you enough to confess my sins to you,
even when I feel I don't deserve it.

Be merciful to me, O God.

Forgive me for the times when
just because someone else's story is different from mine
I don't always want to believe it.
Forgive me for the times I only live my story,
not seeing the bigger picture.
Be merciful to me, O God.

Forgive me for the times
I see you as less than the Son of God,
and my whole outlook on life
needs a good dose of your love and understanding.
Be merciful to me, O God.
Amen.

Reading Matthew 16.13-20 read to us by Jamie Brady

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'
14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'
16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'
17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon Bishop Alan is opening God's Word for us today

Song

Adoration

We bow our hearts, we lift our hands
We turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
That all we need is found in You

Chorus

*Receive our adoration
Jesus, lamb of God*

*Receive our adoration
How wonderful you are*

We choose to leave it all behind
And turn our eyes towards the prize
The upward call of God in Christ
You have our hearts, Lord take our lives

Chorus

Every soul you've saved sings out
Everything you've made resounds
All creation's standing now
Lifting up your name
We're joining in the angel's song
We're gathered to your ancient throne
Children in our Father's arms
Shouting out your praise

Chorus x 2

Source: [Musixmatch](#)
Songwriters: Brenton Brown
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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 John Wheatley

Response: In you O Lord ~ **do I put my trust.**

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Song

Who You Say I am

Who am I that the highest King

Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
x2

I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Source: [LyricFind](#)
Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Reuben Morgan
Performed by: Hillsong

Final Prayer

Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone he was the Messiah. We go out now, hearts so full of amazement and joy, that we can't help but share the good news. Go with us, good Lord, and help us to tell everyone who will listen.
Amen.

Thank you for joining us today. Keep safe and God Bless

Note

To contact the church please email office@stokepogeschurch.org or phone 01753 642331. Please do not come to the office in person; we are all working remotely.

Going Deeper

Bible Notes

This week's events take place where Caesar is proclaimed to be God. For Jews, this is a repugnant, blasphemous place to go to. But Jesus comes here to ask pointedly political questions about his identity.

In this charged atmosphere, Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter shoots back, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' In the shadow of the walls of the seat of government, this was dangerous talk; if Peter is saying that Jesus is Lord, then he is saying that Caesar is not!

Throughout history, empires have told the same story: they all celebrate power and self-interest, and crush anyone who opposes them. But there is an alternative story to be told: one that champions forgiveness, compassion and self-sacrifice. This is the agenda loosed by Jesus and his followers. Jesus offers something different from the narrative of power and self-interest: a better story than the one told by Caesar and other earthly empires. With the confession that Jesus is the Messiah, we break free from a system that oppresses us. It is a statement of liberation. How can we proclaim afresh that message of liberation to those oppressed today?

Questions for reflection



How might this image be representative of things we can put our trust in?

What overshadows some of the stories you live by?

What overshadows some of what you can put your trust in?

Live your faith

Keep a personal tally of things you do this week that might be considered 'self-giving' or, conversely, 'self-preserving'. How balanced is your personal 'scale'?

A personal prayer

Mighty God, I think about the keys I hold.

Each one shows a responsibility of some kind.

Thank you for all that you entrust me with.

Thank you most of all for Jesus, who gives me the keys of the kingdom.

Amen.

Name

Activity time

Matthew 16.13-20

Peter says that Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus promises that Peter will be the foundation of the first church.



Family time

Talk Which words would you use to describe Jesus? What do those words really mean?

Do Watch *The Miracle Maker* [U] and talk about how people see Jesus, and the effect he has on others.

Pray Lord, thank you for the examples of strong faith in your disciples, and the solid foundation they provided for the church. Please help us to have strong foundations in our lives, and to be good examples for other people. Amen.



Draw a church standing on this solid foundation.



Puzzle

Circle which of these would be a firm foundation for a building.



Place a cross by those statements you think are false and a tick by those you think are true.

- Peter got it right all of the time.
- Peter was the only disciple who went on to ministry.
- Peter created many church communities.
- Jesus gave Peter actual keys to a church.
- Jesus and Peter were best friends.
- Jesus renamed Peter.
- Peter's name was originally Bart.

In the box below, add three statements of your own which are true about Peter.

ROOTS children's Sheet

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