



## Joint Family Service 5th September 2021

*"Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name..." Ps.30.4*

### Welcome

This week's podcast is slightly different. We join with the whole church family for the highlights of our first service back from the summer holidays. Our aim is to welcome all and listen, worship and join in with those at St Giles' so we can truly be one body ... online and face to face.

As we gather ...

**Let us say to one another:**

**'Be strong. Do not fear. God, our God, is here with us.'**

**Come with your fears, your doubts, your anxiety.**

**Come just as you are.**

**You are welcome in the name of God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Reading    Mark 7. 24-37

**24** From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, **25** but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." **28** But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." **29** Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." **30** So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

**31** Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. **34** Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." **35** And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Sermon      Nigel Lowe is opening God's Word for us today

Song      Your Grace is enough  
Great is Your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me  
Yeah, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God, I see Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Songwriter: Matt Maher, performed by St Giles' Choir & Congregation, 5th September 2021

Intercessions                      by the Wetherall Family

The 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.**

**Hymn              O for a thousand tongues**

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

3 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

### **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God ,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.

**Amen**

## Thank you for joining us today.







