



## Welcome – Clare Hendry

### In the darkness we were waiting

Without hope without light  
Till 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...*

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till 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  
*Praise the Father...*

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## Reading: Romans 8:18-39 p1135

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among

many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Before the world began

God made a masterplan  
To bring all things together  
Under one head  
That head is Jesus Christ  
Who died and rose to life  
And now he's seated  
At the right hand of God

Once we were dead in sin  
Now we are raised with him  
By grace we're saved, through faith  
In Jesus alone  
Part of his body now  
United by his power  
Joined with his people  
A-all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?  
He washed us clean with his word  
He chose us to be on his team  
We are more loved than we could dream  
We've got good news, shout it out  
You've got to hear what it's all about  
No-one's too far away to be  
Welcomed into God's family*

Speaking the truth in love  
To build the body up  
We serve each other  
Using gifts from the King  
We pray for unity  
So everyone will see  
God's plan in action  
In his people today  
*We are the church, have you heard?...*

One Lord, one faith  
One God, one Father  
One body, one Spirit  
We are one in Christ  
One hope, one truth  
One cross, one Saviour  
One mission, one future  
We are one in Christ  
*We are the church, have you heard?...*

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## Children leave for Grace Gang

### Talk: Philip Sudell

5. *More than conquerors...*

## Youth leave for their discussion

### From the breaking of the dawn

To the setting of the sun  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
Words of power strong to save  
That will never pass away  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
For Your covenant is sure  
And on this I am secure  
I can stand on every promise of Your word

Talk notes

When I stumble and I sin  
Condemnation pressing in  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
You are faithful to forgive  
That in freedom I might live  
So I stand on every promise of Your word  
Guilt to innocence restored  
You remember sins no more  
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice  
I will listen for Your voice  
And I'll stand on every promise of Your word  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with your hand  
As I stand on every promise of Your word  
And you've promised to complete  
Every work begun in me  
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair  
Love that casts out every fear  
As I stand on every promise of Your word  
Not forsaken not alone  
For the Comforter has come  
And I stand on every promise of Your word  
Grace sufficient grace for me  
Grace for all who will believe  
We will stand on every promise of Your word

## Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

## Prayers

### 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.

### Prayer of the Day

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Creator God, who shaped the earth and  
heavens

Your glory shines in all that you have made  
You spoke the Word, who broke into the  
darkness

All earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

And who am I, though made below the angels  
That you, my King, are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent  
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with  
dark  
The Word of life to death now hangs  
surrendered  
The one who spoke out stars now breathes  
his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners  
That you would pay the price my sin  
deserves?  
My Maker scarred for those who marred his  
likeness  
And from his wounds flows mercy  
unreserved

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory  
Death could not hold the one who authored  
life!  
His radiant light has shattered through our  
darkness  
And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And who are we, that you would call us  
children  
And raise us up from death to life with you  
Where we will sing the New Creation  
anthem:  
"O praise the one who's making all things  
new!"

And so we wait in eager expectation  
And join the song as all creation groans:  
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
The Day you call your sons and daughters  
home."

## Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after  
the service over coffee/tea  
through in the hall



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## The week ahead

Sun 17th	9.30am 11am 12.15am	Holy Communion Morning Service Annual Meetings (APCM)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 19 <sup>h</sup>	9:45-11am  8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall  Midweek Groups meet
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	10-11.30am  12 noon 12-3pm  3.45-5pm  8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall  Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall  FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall  Midweek groups meet
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

## Looking ahead

Sun 17th May - Annual Meetings  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June - Church Family BBQ Lunch  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July - Church Family Picnic

## Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens (2) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the presentation of the annual reports and the election of 2 Deanery Synod members up to 9 members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will take place **after the 11am service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Nomination forms are available

## Co-Mission Revive W/E Away

26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June - Bookings will close soon on 26<sup>th</sup> May! - get online and don't forget to book!!



26th-28th June at the University of Kent, Canterbury  
Book your place today!

## Church Family BBQ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

We are having a church family BBQ after the 11am service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



## St Peter's

**Annual Giving Review**  
10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Ponder**

**Pray**

**Partner**

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.