

**Sunday 17 August**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***All are welcome***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Here we gather as God's people with  
our friends from far and near;**

let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.  
Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.

Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

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### **HYMN MP 381**

**Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives,**

be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes;

O, Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,

join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land,

Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands;

O, Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,

join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus stand among us at the breaking of the bread.

Join us as one body as we worship You our Head;

O, Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,

join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

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# PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN GWA 62

### **Anything excited, anything inspired,**

bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Everything that's lazy, everything that's tired,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Anything that rages, anything that screams,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Everything that wonders, everything that dreams,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything  
You can bring me everything  
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

Anything that's easy, anything that's hard,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Everything that's perfect, everything that's scarred,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Anything you're proud of, anything you're not,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Everything you're hiding, everything you've got,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything  
You can bring me everything  
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

I know how you feel, because I know you.  
I know how you feel, because I made you.

Anything that matters, anything that's real,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.  
Everything you treasure, everything you feel,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything  
You can bring me everything  
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

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## ALL AGE TIME

## HYMN CH4 198

**Let us build a house where love can  
dwell and all can safely live,**

a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and  
vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house  
where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will  
reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured taught and  
claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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## **SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:11-22**

**T**herefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘uncircumcised’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’ (which is done in the body by human hands) – remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

**T**hen the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’

## **SERMON**

## HYMN CH4 252

### As a fire is meant for burning

with a bright and warming flame,  
so the Church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,  
let us build a bridge of care,  
joining hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers:  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we will show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we will live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed.  
So may we be signs of oneness  
'mid earth's peoples, many hues.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
so may we reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## HYMN CH4 646

### Forth in the peace of Christ we go;

Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;  
kingship with Him, His servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world,  
Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear His Word;  
He claims our minds, to search His ways;  
He claims our lips, to speak His truth;  
He claims our hearts, to sing His praise.

We are His Church, He makes us one;  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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## BENEDICTION