

North Kent Circuit Service
30th August 2020
Rev Robin Selmes & St Luke's Methodist Church

The Broadcast will commence at 10.15am on Sunday morning with music and a preservice song. Throughout the service, music and words will be broadcast, and the words will appear on the screen.

Pre-service

Music recorded by Fran Shepherd

Pre-service Hymn: Be Still for the presence of the Lord

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U

Welcome & Call to worship – Revd Robin Selmes

Hymn: Praise my soul the King of Heaven (STF 83)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession - Dorothy Odell

Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 – Tim Crouch

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling (MP 449 version)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqhkShQ8

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of Heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find that promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Sets our hearts at liberty

Come almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Graciously return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy precious love

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory unto glory
Till in Heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love and praise

Charles Wesley

Message – Revd Robin Selmes

Hymn: And Can it be that I should gain
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t66l03XmQI

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Charles Wesley

Prayers of intercession & Lord's Prayer – Ian Smith

Hymn: King of Kings Majesty (STF 331)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGnpyYqwO8k

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

Earth and Heaven, worship You
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Refrain

Blessing