

**North Kent Circuit Service**  
**30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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**

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" <sup>23</sup> 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." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> "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=JGGcqKShQ8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqKShQ8)

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](http://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](http://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**