



10am Third Sunday Service

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God.

May he fill you with truth and joy.

We look to the city of the living God,
to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Alleluia!

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation, race and language.

Salvation belongs to our God! Alleluia!

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen. Alleluia.

(Revelation 5:13)

**Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray,
lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song 766 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Words of Penitence and Forgiveness

A moment of silence to reflect on the past week, the things we have done or not done, and the ways in which we have offended God and hurt those around us...

Jesus said, *'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'* As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

(Matthew 5:24)

**In your mercy,
Bring new life where we are worn and tired
Bring new love where we are hard hearted
Bring forgiveness where we have wounded and we feel hurt
Bring the joy and freedom of your Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the opportunity to begin again.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.
Amen.

Collect

Bible Reading *Revelation 21: 1-7*

Song **728** *Meekness and majesty*

Exploration of the theme: Revelation 21: 1-7 – The new heavens and the new earth

Talk – from the lectern, please stay seated.

Outside the North Chapel under Roger de Trumpington: Make a paper chain with a beginning and an end. Let's see how long we can make the chain in the time available. Use the sticky strips provided. Maybe this will remind you that the Risen Jesus is the *Alpha* and the *Omega*, the beginning and the end of all things.

North Chapel - Refreshments

Prayerful reflection in the Chancel: Look at the pictures and write your comments about how the artists have depicted 'the new heavens and the new earth'. Use the post-its to stick near to (but not on) the pictures.

South Chapel

Look at the pictures in the Chancel and draw your own 'new heaven and new earth'. How would you want a new earth to look?

How do you imagine the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven? Let your imagination go wild! We will mount all the pictures onto a long sheet of paper to make a mural.

After about 20 minutes we come back together to share what we have learned and made.

Prayer for ourselves and others, concluding with...

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,
and 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**

Affirmation of faith

We stand and say together:

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Birthdays! If you have recently had a birthday, let us know so that we can celebrate together.

**Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
God bless you and keep you,
another year through.**

**May the light of Christ shine out in your life, wherever you may be,
all through the coming year. Amen**

Song 593, verses 1-5 *At the name of Jesus*

Closing Worship

From where we are to where you need us
Jesus, lead on

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal
Jesus, lead on

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God
Jesus, lead on

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Thank you for joining us today.