

23 October 2022 - 5th Sunday before Advent at KandC

Welcome

Hymn 112 - There is a redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Chorus

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King
forever
in that holy place.

Introduction

A Western Church confesses

We confess
**We have it so easy,
yet still we fail our Lord.**

Be Bold, Be strong

Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you;
be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you!

I am not afraid, NO NO NO
I am not dismayed, NOT ME!
for I'm walking in faith and victory:
come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.

Alina's Escape

The Puppets respond

A Great Big God - Thanks & Praise 117

*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And he holds us in his hands*

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams

And he knows us and he loves us
since before the world began!
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.....

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Bible reading - Acts 16:16-34

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the

rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.' The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!' The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.' Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised.

The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Speaker

Neville McCormack

I stand amazed - Thanks & Praise 57 v 1,4,5

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

**How marvellous! How wonderful!
and my song shall ever be:
how marvellous! How wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!**

He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
my joy will be through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

Creed - we dare to say what we believe

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Prayers

Lord Jesus, We pray for all people who are hurt by others, and made to feel afraid, because of their faith. We pray especially for the people who follow you as Christians.

Lord, help your servants

To live and worship in freedom and joy

Lord Jesus, We remember Alina and her dad and her nan as they try to settle in our country. We pray for people who have had to flee their homeland because they fear for their lives. Help us to welcome those who have come to live here.

Lord, help your servants

To live and worship in freedom and joy

Lord Jesus, We ask you to help church leaders in dangerous parts of the world to remain steady in their faith. Strengthen them when they see members of their church fall away, or get put into prison. Show them the best way to lead people to follow you and speak about you.

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Lord Jesus, You were willing to die for us, to save us. We pray for all people who think they may be persecuted today, and keep them strong by your love.

Help them and us to know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in you, Christ Jesus.

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To live and worship in freedom and joy

The Lord's Prayer

What a friend we have - Hymn 627

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Jesus is our only refuge:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer:

in his arms he'll take and shield you,

you will find a solace there.

Dismissal

Will you try to stand up for Jesus as you live today? **We will**

Will you seek to serve others who are struggling to keep going? **We will**

Will you attempt to pray for believers who are persecuted today? **We will**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, we will

Amen

Notices

Coffee etc in Carryduff Church Hall after church

No Tuesday Fellowship

Midweek Service at usual time Wednesday 10:00 am in St. Ignatius'

Coffee at St Andrew's Thursday 10:00 am

Magazine Team on Friday

Next Sunday **Clocks Change**

8:30 am Early Communion

10:00 am Morning Worship coffee afterwards

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