23 July 2023 - A Meeting with God at Killaney and at Carryduff

Opening Hymn 657 - O God of Bethel

Psalm 139 — Thanks & Praise 110

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,  
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

**2** You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
In ev’ry moment of life or death, you are.

**3** Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future too.

**4** Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

**5** For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother’s womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Preparing - to hear God’s word From Genesis 28:10–19

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” 17 He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”  
18 Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Children’s Spot

T & P 117 - Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God x 3  
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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Notices - Thanks to the Team

**Wednesday Worship** at **10:00 am Midweek Communion (C)**

**Sunday 30 July** **No early communion**

**10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Morning Prayer (K)**

**Kids’ Summer Bash** **Wednesday 16th August**

There is a hope - Townend/Edwards

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day; A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.

2 There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future’s fear,  
He whispers ‘courage’ in my ear.   
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

3 There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

Sermon

Offering Hymn 346 - Angel voices

Creed

Collect

Prayers

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.  
**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.  
**Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Where can I go from your Spirit? **Where can I flee from your presence?**  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; **if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
**even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Search me, God, and know my heart; **test me and know my anxious thoughts.**  
See if there is any offensive way in me, **and lead me in the way everlasting.**

The Lord’s Prayer (new)

Blessing

Closing Hymn 562 - Blessed Assurance