

# St Paul's Church, Shipley

## Sunday Together



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## Welcome

### Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me 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.

## **Prayer of Adoration**

Ever-living God,  
Before the blazing light of your glory  
Angels and archangels hide their faces.  
Yet in your great compassion,  
You have sent forth your light and truth into the world  
In Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
The Day-spring from on high.  
Shine on us now, in our darkness, we pray,  
And grant that, as we worship you,  
We may catch a glimpse of your glory;  
Through him who is the Light of the World,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

For our little faith,  
Gracious God, forgive us.  
For our little hope,  
Gracious God, forgive us.  
For our little love,  
Gracious God, forgive us.  
Increase in us your gifts of faith and hope and love,  
That come from the knowledge that Christ is risen.  
We ask it for his sake. Amen.

## **How to be a child of God**

## **Song**

God, who made the universe,  
The earth, the sun, the moon and stars  
Has a place in His heart for me;  
From the beginning to the end,  
God will always be my friend-  
So I can jump and shout 'cos God loves me!

God's love is big, God's love is great  
God's love is fab and he's my mate;  
God's love surrounds me every day,  
And I love to sing and say:  
God's love is big, God's love is strong,  
God's love goes on and on and on;  
God's love surrounds me every day,  
And I love to sing and say:  
God loves me – wahay!

## **Reading – Genesis 1: 26-31**

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### **Reading: Luke 2: 41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished;

and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

## **Song**

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.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
And with love everlasting you besiege me:  
In every moment of life or death, you are.

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.

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.

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.

## **Talk**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond the safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability  
and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life  
and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.  
Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **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.  
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.

## Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

## **Blessing**

May the Light of God lead us and make us unafraid.

May the power of God protect us and make us strong

May the joy of God heal us and make us happy.

May the peace of God transform us and make us  
peacemakers.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit

Be among you and remain with you now and always, Amen.

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