



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

SUNDAY-SERVICE PHONE NO: 01738-239392

We warmly welcome you to our congregation and extend Christian greetings to you. You enter this church, not as a stranger but as a guest of God and as a friend of those who have gathered here today. So come with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service and, as you do so, may you experience God's loving presence, peace and hope.

**Prayer of Preparation**

Lord Jesus Christ, despised, rejected, yet risen and enthroned on high, reign in our hearts and rule in our lives. Grant that, just as we worship you now - singing your praises, giving you glory and declaring our commitment, so we may similarly acclaim you always - praising, glorifying and serving you through obedience to your will, in thought, word and deed. In your name we ask it. Amen

**Welcome & Church Family News**

**Call to Worship**



**Hymn 449**

**Rejoice! the Lord is King,**

your Lord and King adore.  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules both earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall before his feet:

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

We then shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

**Prayer**

**Bible Readings**

*Psalm 93*

*John 18: 33-37*



**MP 1000**

**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.

2. 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.

*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.*

**Sermon**

**MP 435**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,**

You are one with us, Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring Your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for You we sing,  
Living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,  
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance, Lord, of You:  
Into our lives Your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
 Born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
 Led out to die on Calvary,  
 Risen from death to set us free,  
 Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
 You are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,  
 Live my life for You, Son of God.  
 All Your commands I know are true,  
 Your many gifts will make me new,  
 Into my life Your power breaks through,  
 Living Lord!

### Prayers for Others

#### **Hymn 459**

**Crown him with many crowns,**  
 the Lamb upon his throne;  
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem  
 drowns  
 all music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing  
 of him who died for thee,  
 and hail him as thy matchless King  
 through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,  
 who triumphed o'er the grave,  
 and rose victorious in the strife  
 for those he came to save.  
 His glories now we sing  
 who died and rose on high,  
 who died eternal life to bring,  
 and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;  
 behold his hands and side,  
 rich wounds yet visible above,  
 in beauty glorified.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 for thou hast died for me:  
 thy praise shall never, never fail  
 throughout eternity.

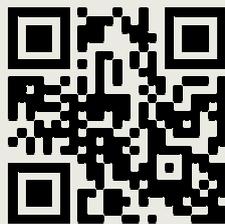
### Closing Prayer and Blessing



#### **PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK - THE LIVING WORLD**

- Mighty Creator, we marvel at all You have made. Please teach us to protect the environment and all within it from threats of damage and extinction. Eagerly we await the renewing of all things at the end of the age when Your Son comes in glory. Amen.
- Lord, please help scientists to understand how we can reverse the serious decline in the numbers of insects that play a crucial part in our ecosystems throughout the world. Grant wisdom to farmers, gardeners, beekeepers and other individuals who work with nature. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Father, please help all who are addressing the critical problem of plastic pollution in our oceans – made worse by the increased use of disposable masks and other protective equipment during Covid-19 – contaminating our waters and destroying aquatic species. In Your mercy. Amen.
- Lord, we pray for protection of UK wetlands: marshes, bogs, fens, mudflats, wet grasslands and woods, floodplains, estuaries and other waterways that are vital for sustaining wildlife, capturing carbon and preserving our environment. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- Gracious God, please grant information, resources and success to law enforcers and others involved in tracking down criminal poachers and those who destroy animals to steal ivory, rhino horn, skins and other sought-after items. May Your justice prevail! Amen.
- Thank You, Lord, for the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy tree planting initiative: planting sustainable trees, particularly in disadvantaged neighbourhoods, and dedicating 70 Ancient Woodlands to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service. To Your glory. Amen.
- Creator Lord, we praise You for the 60,000 species of trees worldwide – bringing untold benefits of many kinds. May we nurture those growing around us and support efforts to preserve forests and woods that are at risk around the world today. For Christ's sake. Amen.

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