

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020.

CALL TO WORSHIP.

God of the open road,
God of the twisting path,
God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship!
In this time, give us provision for the journey,
courage, faith and compassion,
and endurance to face any hardship.
Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,
protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.
We pray this in the name of Jesus,
who moves us, Amen

HYMN:- StF 51. Great is thy faithfulness.

- 1 "Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER.

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth

both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

You have given us a world of beauty,
and we have spoilt it.
A world to feed us,
and so many go hungry.
A world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for,
and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for those times your heart is saddened
by our selfishness.
For those times we have no thought
for others, no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world anew
as a gift from you,
to be shared and nurtured,
and those who live upon it
to be loved and cared for.
We ask this that your name
may be glorified,
through the beauty of this world,
and the service of our lives.

Amen.

1ST READING:- Psalm 119:33-40

2ND READING:- Philippians 2:1-18.

MESSAGE.

HYMN:- StF 317. At the name of Jesus.

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now.

Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

3 Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 For this same Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

Lord God, friend of the lost and those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. So, we lift before you all those whose hearts are burdened and those who seek healing.

We pray for the nations of the world that justice, truth, and mercy would govern the hearts of those who lead, that all people would be led in true peace. Turn the hearts of those who are filled with hate and bring the families of the nations under your just and gentle rule.

We pray for our church and its ministers, that they may have wisdom and courage to seek to direct your church in right pathways. May your church faithfully serve you and seek always to be faithful your calling to be a light in dark places, bringing about the ways of your kingdom on earth.

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive the petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

Lord Jesus you meet us in our suffering and supply our hearts with your strength when we call upon your name. Grant your protection to those in need, comfort them so that they may know your presence in their affliction.

Set your angels to watch over them and lead them in your way through the journey before them. Surround them with your tenderness and support them in your everlasting arms.

Gracious God be with all those who mourn. May they know the tender compassion of your love. May the hope which you supply sustain all those who are troubled by grief, that it may never overwhelm those who call upon you.

We pray for those we know who need our prayers in silence.

Father, we give you thanks for all your mercies and the assurance that when we come before you with our troubles and those of others you are faithful, hear our prayers and accept them through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN:- StF 353. Jesus is Lord!

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord....

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord....

David John Mansell (b.1936)

THE GRACE.