

Second Reading – Zechariah 2:1-5

[2:1] Then I looked up—and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand! [2] I asked, “Where are you going?” He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.” [3] Then the angel who was speaking to me left, and another angel came to meet him [4] and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of men and livestock in it. [5] And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.’ This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk - How big is your church? – *Jo Vening*

Hymn

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| <p>1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand up before his cross,
an instrument of torture
inflicting pain and loss;
transformed by his obedience
to God's redeeming plan,
the cross was overpowered
by Christ, both God and man.</p> <p>2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
be counted as his own;
his gospel of forgiveness
he cannot spread alone.
The love which draws us to him,
he calls us out to share;
he calls us to the margins
to be his presence there.</p> <p>3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
in faith and hope be strong,
stand firm for right and justice,
opposed to sin and wrong.</p> | <p>Give comfort to the wounded,
and care for those in pain,
for Christ, in those who suffer,
is crucified again.</p> <p>4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
who reigns as King of kings,
be ready for the challenge
of faith his kingship brings.
He will not force obedience,
he gives to each the choice
to turn from all that's holy,
or in his love rejoice.</p> <p>5 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
give courage to the weak,
be unashamed to praise him,
be bold his name to speak.
Confront the cross unflinching,
Christ's love has set us free;
he conquered death for ever
and lives eternally.</p> |
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Blessing and Dismissal

Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE

10.00am - Sunday 6th Nov 2011 - 3rd before Advent

‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of men and livestock in it. And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.’

Zechariah 2:4-5

Welcome

Hymn

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| <p>1 God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year.
God is working his purpose out,
and the day is drawing near.
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>2 From the east to the utmost west
wherever foot has trod,
through the mouths of his
messengers
echoes forth the voice of God:
'Listen to me, ye continents,
ye islands, give ear to me,
that the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'</p> <p>3 How can we do the work of God,
how prosper and increase
harmony in the human race
and the reign of perfect peace?</p> | <p>What can we do to urge the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?</p> <p>4 March we forth in the strength of God,
his banner is unfurled;
let the light of the gospel shine
in the darkness of the world:
strengthen the weary, heal the sick
and set ev'ry captive free,
that the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>5 All our efforts are nothing worth
unless God bless the deed;
vain our hopes for the harvest tide
till he brings to life the seed.
Yet ever nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.</p> |
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Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Prayers

Sovereign God, we come into your presence reminded of your greatness, your

holiness, your beauty and your love; conscious that we come into the presence of one vastly greater than ourselves; the creator of life and sustainer of the universe, of everything that is and has been and shall be.

For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

You are a God of justice and truth, righteousness and purity, and yet we remember that you are also a God of love - a God who cares for each one of us, bringing joy out of sadness, hope out of despair, light out of darkness, wholeness out of imperfection. Day by day you are with us, at work in the lives of all. For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

We thank you for the many blessings you pour into our lives, for the innumerable gifts that enrich them - the love we share, the beauty we marvel at, the health we enjoy, the interests we pursue - so much to excite and enthrall, to fascinate and savor; so much to give thanks for! For all that we have received, **we thank you.**

We thank you that in Christ we are set free truly to appreciate your world - that the bondage of sin, the stranglehold of self and the grip of death have been broken. We thank you that you want us to enjoy life at its fullest, and not just now but for all eternity. Great is your name and worthy of all honour and glory. For all that we have received, **we thank you.** Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is ... (etc.)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is ... (etc.)

Glory, glory, glory to ... (etc.)

First Reading – Revelation 21:1-4, 10-19, & 21-26

[21:1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. [2] I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. [4] He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

[10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

[11] It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. [12] It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. [13] There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. [14] The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15] The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. [16] The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. [17] He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. [18] The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. [19] The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone.

[21] The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass. [22] I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23] The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. [24] The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. [25] On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. [26] The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

1 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 Son of God
before the worlds began;
and you who tread where he has trod
crown him the son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own
that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
triumphant from the grave,
who 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.

4 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.