

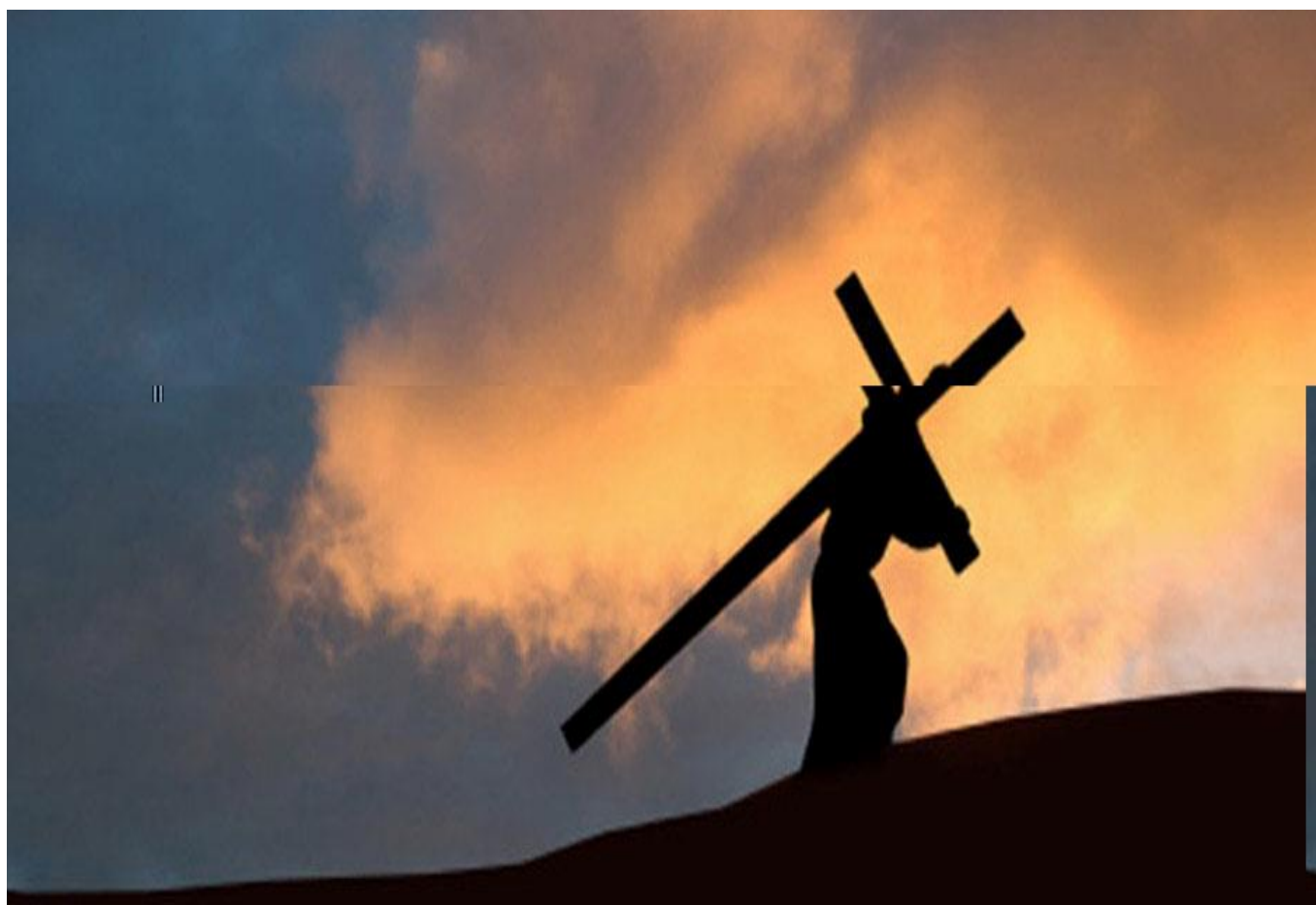
Order of Service

28th February 2021

10.00 am



Worship led by Rev Alison Quilter
Music from Harry Thomson



“Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:
‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their
cross and follow me.’”

Welcome and Announcements

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship:

Opening prayer and The Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible Reading: Mark 8: 27-38

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' ²⁸ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus predicts his death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

The way of the cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Children's Address

Hymn 530 One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go;

From the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn;

All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me:

And it's from the old

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should;

Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know:

And it's from the old

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving when the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old....

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.

And it's from the old....

Sermon

Prayer of thanksgiving and for others

Hymn 402 Take up your cross

'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said, 'if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.'

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with wain alarm:
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still:
the Lord refused not even to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

Blessing

Prayer

God of our ups and downs,
of our rocky moments and our best ones,
give us the courage to put truth before popularity
and to be Jesus' followers through thick and thin.

Amen.



Please join us for coffee and a chat after our online worship this Sunday. You supply the coffee, we'll supply the chat!

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