



Order of Service

29th August 2021

10.00 am

Worship led by Rev Dr André & Jonanda Groenewald
Music from Harry Thomson



Worshipping God Together

Call to worship (Psalm 146:8-9):

The Psalmist SAID: "The Lord sets prisoners free
and gives sight to the blind.

He lifts those who have fallen;
he loves his righteous people.

He protects the strangers who live in our land;
he helps widows and orphans"

Beloved I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

MP 54 Bind us together

Chorus: *Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love*

There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Chorus

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean
For Jesus the victory has won.

Chorus

You are the family of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine.

Chorus

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

*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, the
glory for ever. Amen.*

All age talk

Children's Hymn Jesus cares for everyone (new words to the tune of: Old Macdonald had a farm)

*Jesus cares for everyone, he wants us to too!
And when we speak and act his way, Jesus makes us new.
With a hug right here and a kind word there,
here a hug, there a word, everyone's a friend right here,
Jesus cares for everyone, he wants us to too!*

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible Reading: Mark 7:24-37 read by Peter MacLean
Jesus honours a Syro-Phoenician woman's faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.^[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' ²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.^[b] ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

Sermon

Prayer of thanksgiving by Margaret Black

CH4 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Chorus

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Chorus

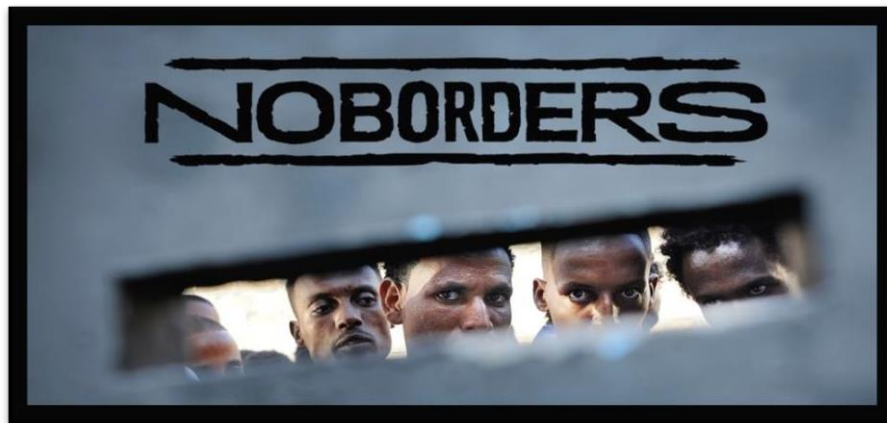
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Chorus

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Chorus

Blessing



Prayer

Lord God of healing,
we thank you for the different ways you answer our prayers.
The Gentile woman wasn't frightened to answer you back –
and you knew she was right.
We thank you for the power of words.
The deaf man had the confidence in you,
to jump up and receive your healing.
We thank you for the power of actions
that speak louder than words.
Thank you that you are available
to each one of us who truly believes.
Amen.

For the children

Unscramble the words to make the name of a place or group of people in the story.

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eJw

Snido

Jesus came for everyone, no matter their age, colour, wealth or gender.
Can you find all five people in this picture?



Jesus crossed borders to bring his healing and love to everyone.