

Order of Service

13th June 2021

10.00am



Worship led by Rev Dr André Groenewald
Music from Harry Thomson



Worshipping God Together

Call to worship: (Psalm 8:1)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Amen

Hymn Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake

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God's saving news to all the nations take;

proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,

that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

James Seddon (1915 - 1983)

Opening prayer and 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.*

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible Reading: Mark 4:26-34 read by Peter McLean

The parable of the growing seed

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on

earth.³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.’³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Children’s Address

Hymn A wise child knows

to the tune of ‘The wise man built his house upon the rock’

A wise child knows a seed needs lots of care,
you don’t just plant your seedlings anywhere!
They need good grounding, food and love to share,
so plant your seeds with care.

Sermon

Prayer of thanksgiving

Margaret Black

MP 651 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Blessing

Hymn 516 We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching

We are marching in the light of God.

South African Traditional Hymn

Prayer

God of mystery,
Sower, Saviour, Spirit,
we worship you;
and we ask you to give us:
eyes to notice where the seeds of your kingdom are growing,
courage to show them to others,
faith enough to help nurture them,
and a heart that delights in their harvest. Amen.