

### STF 315

We sing the praise of Jesus,  
of our ascending Lord;  
the triumph of our Saviour,  
of Christ the Son of God.  
The forty days are over,  
earth sees his face no more;  
but Christ the King of glory  
we worship and adore.

Rejoicing in Christ's promise  
we wait in prayer and praise,  
the Spirit sent from heaven  
to set the earth ablaze;  
we pray with expectation,  
we praise with one accord,  
we wait for living fire,  
the power of the Lord.

Therefore with saints and angels  
and all the hosts above  
we lift our hearts and voices  
to bless the God of love;  
to sing of our Redeemer  
who intercedes and prays,  
that God the Holy Spirit  
may guide us all our days.

With songs of alleluia  
let earth and heaven ring;  
and praises to the Father  
let all creation sing.  
All honour be to Jesus,  
God's own eternal Son;  
and to the Holy Spirit  
let endless praise be done!

*Norman Wallwork*

### THE BLESSING

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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*'Thanking God for MICHAEL'S recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and  
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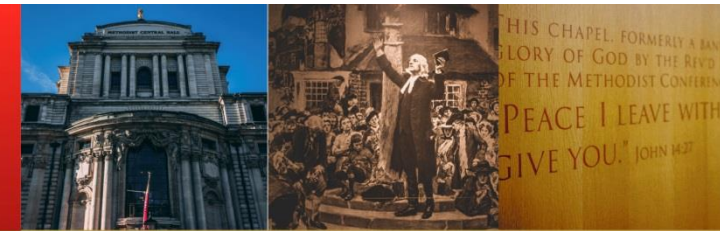
**ROSALINE OGUN**

*'Thanking God for adding another to my years.'*

*We are all happy family in good health.'*

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# Welcome

*We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming.*



### Morning Worship

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

11.00 am

Preacher:  
Revd Peter Edwards

'Endings and Beginnings'

Luke 24:44-53

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10.50am The Bible is placed on the lectern and a time of quiet follows. Please stand when the ministers and choir enter.

## WELCOME

Revd Tony Miles

## INTROIT 'Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates'

Words: Psalm 24 Music: William Matthias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
And the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty, mighty in battle.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47:5-7

<sup>5</sup>The Psalmist said:

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing to him a psalm of praise.**

## STF 300

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleulia!!*  
ravished from our wistful eyes! *Alleulia!!*  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, *Alleulia!!*  
reascends his native heaven: *Alleulia!!*

There the glorious triumph waits: *Alleulia!!*  
lift your heads, eternal gates; *Alleulia!!*  
wide unfold the radiant scene; *Alleulia!!*  
take the King of Glory in! *Alleulia!!*

Him though highest heaven receives, *Alleulia!!*  
still he loves the earth he leaves; *Alleulia!!*  
though returning to his throne, *Alleulia!!*  
still he calls the world his own: *Alleulia!!*

See! He lifts his hands above; *Alleulia!!*  
see! He shows the prints of love; *Alleulia!!*  
hark! His gracious lips bestow *Alleulia!!*  
blessings on his Church below: *Alleulia!!*

Master, parted from our sight, *Alleulia!!*  
high above the azure height, *Alleulia!!*  
grant our hearts to you may rise, *Alleulia!!*  
following you beyond the skies: *Alleulia!!*

Cast ourselves before your throne, *Alleulia!!*  
here our heaven of heavens to own, *Alleulia!!*  
there we shall with you remain, *Alleulia!!*  
partners of your endless reign: *Alleulia!!*

*Charles Wesley*

## OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Kina Saunders

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

## A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### SOF 675

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days;  
From every nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory,  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne  
In worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

*Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill*

### STF 342

All hail the power of Jesu's name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

You seed of Israel's chosen race,  
you ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!

*Edward Perronet  
adapted by John Rippon*

## PRAYER BEFORE JC LIVE AND YPF LEAVE FOR THEIR GROUPS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

*(A 12½% tithe is given to various charitable causes)*

During the offering we stand to sing

Thou hidden source of calm repose,  
thou all-sufficient love divine,  
my help and refuge from my foes,  
secure I am, if thou art mine:  
and lo, from sin, and grief, and shame,  
I hide me, Jesus, in thy name.

Jesus, my all in all thou art:  
my rest in toil, my ease in pain,  
the medicine of my broken heart,  
in war my peace, in loss my gain,  
my smile beneath the tyrant's frown,  
in shame my glory and my crown;

In want my plentiful supply,  
in weakness my almighty power,  
in bonds my perfect liberty,  
my light in Satan's darkest hour,  
in grief my joy unspeakable,  
my life in death, my heaven in hell.

*Charles Wesley*

## DEDICATION OF OFFERING

## INTERVIEW

Revd Tony Miles talks to Andrew Varley  
CEO, St. Vincent's Family Project

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

### ANTHEM 'At the Name Of Jesus' Caroline Maria Noel and Jim Cowan

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him king of glory now;  
this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty word.*

*At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light;  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders, in their great array.*

*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.*

*With his Father's glory Jesus comes again,  
angel hosts attend him and announce his reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him king of glory now.*

## GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53 TNIV

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

## STF 327

Jesus is King  
and I will extol him,  
give him the glory,  
and honour his name;  
he reigns on high,  
enthroned in the heavens —  
Word of the Father,  
exalted for us.

We have a hope  
that is steadfast and certain,  
gone through the curtain  
and touching the throne;  
we have a priest  
who is there interceding,  
pouring his grace  
on our lives day by day.

We come to him,  
our Priest and Apostle,  
clothed in his glory  
and bearing his name,  
laying our lives  
with gladness before him —  
filled with his Spirit  
we worship the King:

'O Holy One,  
our hearts do adore you;  
thrilled with your goodness  
we give you our praise!  
Angels in light  
with worship surround him,  
Jesus, our Saviour,  
for ever the same.

*Wendy Churchill*

SERMON 'Endings and Beginnings'  
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