



Christ Church Stocksbridge

**"Together" with
Green Moor & Crane Moor**

OPENING MUSIC - My Soul is at Rest - Taizé

WELCOME

Call to worship: let us say this together

Let us bring ourselves to God, whatever our age and gifts. Let us prepare to share in worship, giving thanks for all that God shares with us. Let us open our hearts and minds to know more of God's unconditional love and care, and be ready to share it with others. Lord of all creation, giver of life, we offer ourselves to you. Teach us how to give ourselves to others, generously, wholeheartedly and with compassion, sharing who we are and what we have. May we learn to share all the world's resources, so that everyone has enough of the good things you provide. May we all rejoice in your goodness. God, our generous provider, as the young boy offered all he had to Jesus – five loaves and two small fish – we come today offering you everything we have: a pocketful of faith, a bit of time, ourselves, our gifts, our talents. And we know that, however small our gift or offering, you will do amazing things with it, far more than we can ever hope, believe or imagine. Thank you, God. Amen.

FIRST HYMN R & S 453 Fred Kaan

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

(Refrain) Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

"A BIG LUNCH"

SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021

ACTIVITY SHEET

CHILDREN'S BLESSING - said together :

Lord, bless the children of our church family and help us all to help them come to know you as their saviour. In Christ's name. **Amen**

**BIRTHDAYS
JOYS AND CONCERNS.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - said together

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS :

2 Kings 4.42-44; Psalm 145.10-18; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

FIRST READING - 2 Kings 4, 42 - 44

Feeding of a Hundred

42 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. 43 "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked. But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" 44 Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING - John 6, 1 - 13

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), **2** and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. **3** Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. **4** The Jewish Passover Festival was near. **5** When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" **6** He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" **8** Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, **9** "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" **10** Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). **11** Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. **12** When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." **13** So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

SECOND HYMN StF 489 Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this
(Refrain)

Knowing You, Jesus Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness
(Refrain)

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die
(Refrain)
And I love You, Lord

THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THIRD HYMN StF 611 Richard Gillard

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

BLESSING - say together

Lord, as we go out into the world, make us unafraid to offer ourselves and our resources, in your name, to the problems we come across in our community and in our lives, in the knowledge that you will use them in ways more than we can imagine or hope for, for the good of all your people. **Amen**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever Amen

VESPER

Take Oh take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. X 2

Now let's all enjoy a cup of coffee or tea together.

CLOSING MUSIC - In the Lord be ever thankful - Taizé