



Christ Church Stocksbridge

**“Together at Home”
with
Green Moor & Crane Moor**

RE-SOURCED BY GOD

Sunday 9th January 2022

Introit - Choir

Welcome and Call to worship. Jan

Beloved of God, come, turn to Christ.
When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
he knew he was beloved by God.
Let us know the warmth of God's love today.
And as we come to worship, help us to know that
You have called each of us by name and so we belong to
you. Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray, that we may
know your love and our belovedness today. As you call us
from the wastelands of our lives, we seek you as did those
who sought John by the Jordan. We bow our heads for
cleansing and renewal, joyfully submitting anew to the
baptism of belonging to you.

First Hymn. StF 155 Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire (first tune)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
Let us thine influence prove;
Source of the old prophetic fire,
Fountain of life and love.
2. Come, Holy Ghost - for, moved by thee,
Thy prophets wrote and spoke -
Unlock the truth, thyself the key,
Unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
Brood o'er our nature's night;
On our disordered spirits move,
And let there now be light.
4. God, through himself, we then shall know,
If thou within us shine;
And sound, with all thy saints below,
The depths of love divine.

Children's activity and Children's Blessing.

Dorothy Kirbyshaw

Joys and Concerns. Birthdays. Jenny

Prayers of Thanksgiving, including Offertory Prayer **Ken and Evelyn**

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Second Hymn. StF 556 **Just as I am**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thou died to set me free
and at your bidding, "Come to me",
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am - your love unknown
had broken every barrier down
now to be yours, yes, yours alone
O Lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove
here for a time and then above
O Lamb of God. I come.

Lectionary Readings : Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17;
Luke 3.15-18, 21-22

Isaiah 43.1-7

Ronnie

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. 4 Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. 6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Luke 3.15-18, 21-22.

Mike

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Third Hymn - Do not be afraid - Video based on the words of Isaiah

COMMENTARY

Dot Lunn

Prayers of Intercession. Ken and Evelyn

Final Hymn StF 345 And can it be. Jan

1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Refrain: (repeat last two lines)

2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds enquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

Blessing. Jan

The Grace The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be
with us all, evermore. Amen

Vespar