

Order of Service - 28 April 2024 – Easter 5



Song

Come as you are

Deidre Brown

Come as you are; that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven. Come as you are; why stand alone?

No need to fear; love sets no limits. No need to fear; love never ends.

Don't run away shamed and disheartened. Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners not just the virtuous. I came to bring peace not to condemn
Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are; that's how I love you. Come as you are trust me again

Nothing can change the love that I bear you. All will be well; just come as you are.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 22:25-31

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the LORD shall praise him.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD God;

For dominion belongs to the LORD, embracing all the nations.

All who sleep in the earth bow down;

future generations will serve the LORD.

God's mighty saving acts will be proclaimed

from generation to generation;

our children's children will be told what the LORD has done.

Welcome and Notices

Centring

Song Love makes a Way Alison Campbell Rate

Love makes a way to open the door, love spreads the welcome mat down on the floor, love feeds the hungry and sits with the poor, the greatest of all is love.

Love clothes the cold and tends to the frail, visits the sick and the pris'ner in jail, love sees a need and answers the call, the greatest of all is love.

Love isn't jealous, impatient or proud. Love keeps no record of wrongs that are done. True love rejoices when goodness prevails, love never fails.

Love sees a stranger and acts as a friend, love breaks down walls, finds bridges to mend, love chooses life and sticks to the end, the greatest of all is love.

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Scripture John 15:1-8

Hearing the Word Geoff Hurst

Song Because we bear your name Robin Mann

Lord Jesus, we belong to you, you live in us, we live in you; we live and work for you, because we bear your name.

Help us receive each other, Lord, for you receive the least of us and come to us in them because we bear your name.

Bless those who give us any gift, because they know that we are yours; reward them with your grace, because we bear your name.

Let us acknowledge those as friends who use your name to right a wrong but have not joined us yet, because we bear your name.

Let nothing that we do or say offend the weak so that they fall and lose their faith in you, because we bear your name.

Keep us from missing out on life; give hands that help, and single sight, and feet that walk your way, because we bear your name.

You are the salt that cleanses us, so clean us out, and make us fit for common life with you because we bear your name.

Prayers of the People

Scripture John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.