

Locking Deanery Service of Light 2022

Welcome: Hayden Taylor (Christ Church)

Lighting of candles: Jane Barry (Hutton)

Bidding Prayer: Mike Tedstone (Kewstoke)

Hymn: Light of the World

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life, spent with You

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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Please extinguish candles at the end of the hymn

Reading: Luke 2: 22-38

Hymn:

Light to the world

All earth was dark until You spoke,
then all was light and all was peace.

Yet still, O God, so many wait,
to see the flame of love released.

*Lights to the world, O Light of man,
kindle in us a mighty flame,
till every heart, consumed by love,
shall rise to praise Your holy name.*

In Christ You gave Your gift of life
to save us from the depth of night.

O come and set our spirits free,
and draw us to Your perfect light.

Lights to the world . . .

Where there is fear, may we bring joy,
and healing to a world in pain.

Lord, build Your kingdom through our lives,
till Jesus walks this earth again.

Lights to the world . . .

O burn in us, that we may burn
with love that triumphs in despair;
and touch our lives with such a fire,
that souls may search and find You there.

Lights to the world . . .

Words and music by John Daniels

Words and music by Phil Thomson

Music arranged by Christopher Norton

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Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5

Speaker: Jacqui Keir-Bucknall

Hymn: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name (repeat)

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all
He is Lord
Lord of all (repeat)

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all.

Intercessions: Jane Barry

The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of candles for churches: Hayden Taylor

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory.

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There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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The Locking Deanery Prayer

Heavenly Father,
On the coast and in the countryside,
in the town and in the village,
we, your people, commit ourselves to
living and telling the story of Jesus.
You know our minds, what's on our hearts,
our plans and our dreams.
Send your Holy Spirit and inspire our work,
that young and old, churched and unchurched,
may grow in the knowledge and love
of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Nunc Dimittis and the Charge: Mike Tedstone (Kewstoke)

Blessing: Andrew Hemming (Assistant Area Dean)

Hymn: Let The Flame Burn Brighter (During this hymn a collection will be taken for Weston Area CAP Centre)

We'll walk the land
With hearts on fire
And every step will be a prayer
Hope is rising
New day dawning
Sound of singing
Fills the air

Two thousand years
And still the flame
Is burning bright
Across the land
Hearts are waiting
Longing, aching
For awakening
Once again

Let the flame burn brighter
In the heart of the darkness
Turning night to glorious day
Let the song grow louder
As our love grows stronger
Let it shine, let it shine

We'll walk for truth
Speak out for love

In Jesus' name
We shall be strong
To lift the fallen
To save the children
To fill the nation
With your song

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

Prayer Ministry is available after the service at the back of the church.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

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