

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 18th June 2023
Pentecost 3, Year A
10.30am worship service

SONG: God so loved

<https://youtu.be/SrmMUURXJNY>

**Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for**

Chorus 1

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

**Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms**

Chorus 2

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world**

Bridge

**Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love**

Chorus 3

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save**

**Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world**

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**WELCOME & WE GREET EACH OTHER
IN THE NAME...**

SONG: Peace be still

<https://youtu.be/lsIpGiz3SfQ>

**I don't want to be afraid
Every time I face the waves
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to fear the storm
Just because I hear it roar
I don't want to fear the storm
I don't want to fear the storm**

Chorus

Peace be still

Say the word and I will

Set my feet upon the sea

Till I'm dancing in the deep

Peace be still

You are here so it is well

Even when my eyes can't see

I will trust the voice that speaks

**I'm not gonna be afraid
'Cause these waves are only waves
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna fear the storm
You are greater than its roar
I'm not gonna fear the storm
I'm not gonna fear at all**

Interlude

Peace peace over me

Bridge

Let faith rise up

O heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

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WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Gracious God and Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not recognised you as the owner and giver of all things.

We have not always been content with what you have given us, nor have we been eager to advance the cause of others. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus who gave himself so freely for us.

By your Holy Spirit, give us a generous heart and joy in serving our neighbour. Amen.

Absolution based on Psalm 51:

God has shown mercy to you. He gave His only Son to die for you. God has forgiven your sins. For Jesus' sake, He has washed you clean and made your hearts pure. May God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

SHORT PRAISE SONG: Awesome God

<https://youtu.be/hXa75K0dftQ?t=235>

Chorus

**Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God**

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Rich Mullins

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THEME OF THE DAY: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, Romans 5:1-8
“Jesus sends us out with such Good News.”

BIBLE READING: [Matthew 9:35 - 10:8](#)

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

SONG: Set free

<https://youtu.be/R90JuSQd6bE>

**Here I surrender lay down every weight
Remember Your love has broken all my chains
What You have finished cannot be undone
The work of the cross was more than enough**

Chorus 1

***I've been set free I've been set free
Sin has no hold
Shame has no power over me
Found in Your mercy
I've been washed clean
You call me whole saved and redeemed
I've been set free***

**There is a promise written in Your scars
I am forgiven changed by who You are
What You have finished I will not forget
I'm buried with Christ
I'm raised from the dead**

Chorus 1

Bridge

**No longer bound in chains
No longer blind I see
This is amazing grace
Jesus alive in me
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 2

***(Oh) I've been set free (Oh) I've been set free
Sin has no hold
Shame has no power (no power) over me
Found in Your mercy
(Oh) I've been washed clean
You call me whole saved and redeemed
I've been set free***

Tag

**(Yes) You call me whole saved and redeemed
I've been set free**

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MESSAGE

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, Romans 5:1-8

Jesus sends us out with such Good News.

Jesus is pure Good News. **Jesus went everywhere preaching the Good News of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness... Jesus sent out the twelve to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons, and proclaim “The Kingdom of God has come near.”** First Jesus spread the Good News, and the disciples learned how to do it. Then Jesus sent out the disciples to do what they'd learned from Jesus. “Up until this time, the disciples were like passengers in a car while Jesus had been doing all the driving. Now he tells them to go off and do it themselves.”

Many years ago three of us pastors drove around in a NZ city where the church thought of planting a new church. We stopped in a street and I suggested we get out and meet the people. I got out of the car, but the other two pastors didn't move. Sometime later I received the call to become the pastor for this new church. Jesus shows us that we can't just sit in car or church and talk about the Gospel and about mission. Jesus teaches us and then sends us out. Jesus and what he has done for us is such Good News HE and IT must be shared. God's amazing love and grace is not just for us, but for the whole world. And I think there's hardly been a time, when the world needs God's love and grace more than today.

This sermon is about the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD, of JUSTIFICATION, Rom 5, and how we're SENT TO SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS. It's about being in the car with Jesus to learn this Good News, and getting out of the car with Jesus to share it; it's about Jesus calling us into the church to teach us his way, and sending us into the world to live his way.

1.THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM. The coming of the Kingdom of God is very Good News. Jesus' ministry began with these words: **Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God. The time has come. The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News.** Jesus said he had come to bring the Kingdom of God to replace the old broken kingdom ruled by sin, death and the devil; to replace the old broken kingdom ruled by Caesar and Herod, and a broken religious system; to replace an old covenant based on law, with a new covenant based on love and grace. Jesus did not come to tinker on the surface with a few superficial changes. Jesus came to strike at the foundation and begin again. Jesus came to bring in a new Kingdom where he ruled with love from the cross, where he conquered not by destroying others and taking their blood, but by removing all sins by his blood on the cross, and drawing us to himself by his love and compassion, and giving us a new birth into his Kingdom, where we become the reclaimed children of God.

In the Gospel for today we see what this Kingdom of God looks like. Jesus goes about **proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness, showing compassion on the crowds of harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** The K of God is Jesus going about healing, forgiving, welcoming the lost, freeing people from evil spirits, raising the dead. Jesus went about speaking Good News but even more, he went about doing good. The K of God is really Good News for you, and for all. Every day is a day to praise God that you have been baptised into such a great Kingdom.

2.THE GOOD NEWS OF JUSTIFICATION. In Romans 5 Paul fills in what the Good News does for us. **Since we have been justified by faith.** Justification is the most wonderful action of God for us. It means that though we stand guilty of sin, God forgives us and sets us free. Last week we rejoiced to see Kathleen Folbigg pardoned and released from prison. That was for a crime she never committed. But Justification means that Jesus Christ sets us free from the sin we have all committed. *We receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven.* This forgiveness brings great joy and freedom to us, as the State's pardon and freedom brought such joy to Kathleen Folbigg and her friends.

Justification brings peace with God, access into God's grace in which we now stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and we rejoice in our sufferings. When we know that we are forgiven & set free by God, this love of God affects every area of our life, even our suffering. This week I had a letter from Kim Dinh in Vietnam. She asked me to "Thank God for allowing me to go through so many circumstances to train me that now I am in a difficult but worry-free situation." Kim Dinh is learning that we can rejoice even in our sufferings, because we know that we are secure in Christ, and Jesus is always with us as he was with the men in the fiery furnace.

In this world in which so many have lost hope, Paul reminds us that since we are justified by faith we have hope; and this hope means we will not be put to shame and give up in disappointment **because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the HS who has been given to us. God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** What an amazing message this is for each one of us, wherever we are in life. What an important message of love and hope for a sinful and broken world.

3.THE GOOD NEWS WE'RE SENT TO SHARE. Jesus shows his disciples what the Kingdom of God is like by showing such compassion to

people, and says to his disciples: **the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the field.** Jesus asks his disciples, and surely us too, to pray for workers in the field. And surely the time to pray for workers is now when we are so short of pastors and evangelists. But listen to chap.10. **Jesus ...gave his 12 disciples authority to drive out evil spirits, and to heal every disease and sickness. Jesus sent them out... go and preach: The Kingdom of God is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.** Jesus says in one breath: pray for workers, and in the next breath he says: **YOU ARE THE WORKERS.** Surely this means that Jesus both calls us to pray for workers and also sends us out to be the workers. Yes, we need to pray for pastors, but also we need to pray for God to send us wherever he chooses us to go.

The HS has given us many different gifts to show **compassion to the harassed and helpless** people all around us, and tell them about Jesus and invite them into his Kingdom. Kim Dinh is going to preach in an area where a witch doctor has control. She has asked us to pray for her. Jesus calls us to pray & we need to grow in prayer for workers. But he also calls & sends us to GO; all of us, according to our gifts. How we need to pray that all whom God has called to go, will hear that call & be encouraged & permitted to go & share the Good News. Amen.

Pastor David Christian

SONG: Yes I will

<https://youtu.be/NrTv39-IG4M>

**I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out**

Chorus

**Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will**

Bridge

**I choose to praise
To glorify glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against**

Tag

**For all my days
Yes I will**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for calling us
and giving us so many gifts,
both physical and spiritual.
Help us to go out and serve you
by showing your compassion and love to others.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

We know that God in his love wants to give us more than we can ever ask for. So let us pray for all his people through faith in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Response

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, that it may always live a life of faith
- * for our nation's leaders - the Queen, her representatives, the parliaments, the prime minister and cabinet, and departments, the opposition and the whole system of government
- * for human rights and justice, people and organisations that work for these, racial harmony
- * for women in childbirth, pregnant women, young parents, those who have experienced miscarriage, single parents, unborn children, women who have had an abortion (and family and friends affected by this).

Concluding prayer

Lord God, we put into your merciful hands all those people whom we pray for; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING

SONG: Promise keeper

<https://youtu.be/H8XivMN3Ado>

**Your vow's a covenant unbroken
You've made it known through history
Your love will never be unfaithful
Never walk out on me
Never walk out on me**

**I have no reason to doubt You
Who You've been You'll always be
And though the future's still unfolding
With everything I've seen
How could I not believe**

***You are a promise keeper
Your word will never fail
My heart can trust You Jesus
I won't be overwhelmed
My eyes are gonna see
Miracles and victories
You are a promise keeper
And Your word will never fail***

**You will return all that's been stolen
There's nothing that You can't redeem
And though the story's still unfolding
With everything I've seen
How could I not believe**

Bridge

**I'll see Your goodness in the land of the living
I'll see Your goodness right here right now
You know the ending before the beginning
I know that You have worked all things out
(REPEAT)**

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