

Ormond Uniting Church



Briton Rivière (1892), *Daniel's Answer to the King*, Manchester Art Gallery

Pentecost 21

November 2, 2025

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Chair of Council: Dr Mardie Townsend

Music: Peter Hurley

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 134 Praise my soul the king of heaven

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Daniel 但以理 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever -- forever and ever."

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged
swords in their hands,
*to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the
peoples,*
to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of
iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

3rd Scripture Reading: Luke 路加福音 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

2 Hymn: Christ be our light (see the music attached)

Sermon: Blessed are the poor

Music Video: André Rieu - Nearer, My God, to Thee
(People come forward and light a candle for All Saints Day)

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

Let us pray. This is our pray others and for ourselves

Since there will be a last time when I will feel the warm spring
rain and the cold winter wind on my face,
a last time when I will smell the perfume of the jacaranda,
a last time when I can embrace my lover,
a last time for all that makes life and everything that lives
so precious.

Since there will be a last time,
let me live daily life with open senses,
clear thinking and a careful presence.

Since there will be a last time,
let me be aware that I am woven into the eternal becoming and
being of life,
in which God holds everyone and everything in his and her
hands.

Since there will be a last time,
I would like the beauty and preciousness of life which is given
to me

to be preserved for those who will live after me.

Take these prayers of ours,
these prayers of fragile humanity
and make them into a peace which overcomes all adversity.

For these are the fragile bonds we make and break with human
abandon

And before my body dies
I pray that the river I was born to
May again wash over me

By god's touch I pray
That I may move from this consecrated earth
Into the next season

A dark season
Beyond the dying religions that seduce us

Where my soul will surrender
And give in to grace. Amen

European Christian Environmental Network

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace:

3 Hymn: 455 For all the saints (verses 1, 4, 7-8)

Benediction

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell
E sus4

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Em A m7 B m7 E sus4

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Voice

Long ing for light, we wait in dark ness.
 Long ing for peace, our world is tro bled.
 Long ing for food, man y are hun gry.
 Long ing for shel ter, man y are home less.
 Man y the gifts, man y the peo ple.

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Em A m7 D E sus4

Long ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long ing for hope, man y de spair.
 Long ing for wa ter, man y still thirst.
 Long ing for warmth, man y are cold.
 man y the hearts that yearn to be long.

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Em D Em A m7 D Em D G

Make us your own, your ho ly peo ple,
 Your word a lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro ken for oth ers,
 Make us your build ing, shel ter ing oth ers,
 Let us be ser vants to one an oth er,

13

C A m D sus4

light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv ing voice.
 shared un til all are fed.
 walls made of liv ing stone.
 mak ing your king dom come.

Christ Be Our Light

Refrain

17 G C G Em D Em Bm Em D Em

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

23 Am D G Dsus4 D Em

dark ness. Christ, be our light!

28 Em D Em C Am7 D G

Shine in Your church gathered to day. _____

32 Am/G G G

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