

Organ Voluntary

The Bible, God's Word for life, is placed in the pulpit by the Beadle.

Welcome & Announcements

Preparatory Silence

Call to Worship

Hymn 132 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise** *(t St Denio)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication

Lesson 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Hymn

Thou art before me, Lord, thou art behind

(t Sursum Corda)

Thou art before me, Lord, thou art behind
And thou above me hast spread out thy hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then whither from thy Spirit shall I go,
And whither from thy presence shall I flee?
If I ascend to heaven thou art there,
And in the lowest depths I meet with thee.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Thy mighty hand would rest upon me still,
And thy right hand would guard me evermore.

If I should say 'Darkness will cover me,
And I shall hide within the veil Of night',
Surely the darkness is not dark to thee,
The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart,
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives thee pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Ian Pitt-Watson

From The New English Bible version of Psalm 139

Reflection

Solo

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 540

I heard the voice of Jesus say

(t Kingsfold CH4 291)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

BENEDICTION

Closing Voluntary

Ayr St Columba Church

Sunday 17 January 2021



The Uniforms They Wear

The humble, the gentle, the merciful, the just,
the devout and loyal souls all belong to one religion;
and when death takes away the masks,
they will recognise each other,
even though the different uniforms they wear here
makes them look like strangers.

*William Penn
(1644 - 1718)*