



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday 4 October 2020

Knowing you, Jesus

Heart & Anchor Church



9.45am Zoom starts admitting people

As we gather we will play

Song: [My Lighthouse by Rend Collective](#)

10.00am *Welcome and introduction*

Song: [Love divine, all loves excelling lyrics by Charles Wesley](#)

The Lord is Here

His Spirit is with us

- *As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.*
- *A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

Opening prayer

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Confession

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,

All he will deliver us from our distress.

God will bring us out of darkness

All and out of the shadow of death.

Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

All Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his goodness,

All and the wonders he does for his children.

Let us offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving

All and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

cf Psalm 107

All Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept.



Almighty God,
You have made us for yourself,
And our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
And so bring us at last to your heavenly city
Where we shall see you face to face;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

All Amen.



New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:4-14

Read by

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.



Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

silence

Song: [Knowing you, Jesus \(All I once held dear\) by Graham Kendrick](#)



When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-46

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the



tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

At the end



This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk by *Robin Gamble*

Song: [Sweetly Broken by Jeremy Riddle](#)

Declaration of Faith

Christ has died

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Christ will come again

I believe, Alleluia!

I believe, Alleluia!

Prayers

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Ending with The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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 for ever. Amen.**

Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
Heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace.
The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you
And also with you.

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or
message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!*

Song: [*The River by Brian Doerksen*](#)

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
And of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Song: [*How can I keep from singing sung by Audrey Assad*](#)