

Celtic worship
Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall



Song; The Lord Is My Shepherd – Iona

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-j24iggYDzg&list=RD-j24iggYDzg&start_radio=1&t=0&pbjreload=101

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us

We are here to thank you

God of the future who is always ahead of us

We are here to trust you

God of the present who is here in the midst of us

We are here to praise you

God of life, beyond us yet within us

We rejoice in your glorious love

If we come in certainty or in confusion, in anger or in anguish

This time is for us

If we come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow, in pain or in promise

This time is for us

If we come not knowing why, but to be here is enough

This time is for us

Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth

Come now, Christ of the yearning tears

Come now, Christ of the transforming touch

This time is for you

For the sound of the wind

And the gentleness of friends

We thank you, O Lord

For the brightness of fields

And the warmth of the sun

We thank you, O Lord

For the whine of the factory

And the voice of the traffic

We thank you, O Lord

For work to be done

And laughter to share

We thank you, O Lord

For hope that is born

through struggle and pain

We thank you, O Lord

Song

Psalm 60

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uiu1I82t-fA>

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-29

David's Prayer

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, 'Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD; you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come. May this be instruction for the people,^[a] O Lord GOD! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! ²¹ Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness, so that

your servant may know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O LORD God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ Who is like your people, like Israel? Is there another^[b] nation on earth whose God went to redeem it as a people, and to make a name for himself, doing great and awesome things for them,^[c] by driving out^[d] before his people nations and their gods?^[e] ²⁴ And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people for ever; and you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁵ And now, O LORD God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it for ever; do as you have promised. ²⁶ Thus your name will be magnified for ever in the saying, "The LORD of hosts is God over Israel"; and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷ For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, "I will build you a house"; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; ²⁹ now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed for ever.'

Second Reading

Luke 19.41 - 20.8

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'^[a]

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶ and he said, 'It is written,

"My house shall be a house of prayer";
but you have made it a den of robbers.'

⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

20 One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders ² and said to him, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?' ³ He answered them, 'I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: ⁴ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' ⁵ They discussed it with one another, saying, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?" ⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet.' ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸ Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

Talk: by Revd Steven Poss at <https://youtu.be/hKgu-qYsKhY>

2 Samuel 7:18-end - David's Prayer

Sermon

In this passage of scripture from 2 Samuel, we hear of a prayer from King David. The theme of this prayer is also the theme of our Gospel reading this Sunday, that is the word of God. For David prays in verse 25:-

²⁵ "And now, O LORD God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it forever; do as you have promised."

The prayer of David is a response from God speaking to him through the prophet Nathan to go and build a place for God to dwell, as he has been dwelling in a tent since he has led the people out of Egypt (2 Samuel 7:6).

This account is one of the most significant meetings recorded in royal history and sets out the beginnings of the temple and the Davidic covenant, both of which had a profound effect on Israel's religious and national life for many centuries.

Here, David finds himself settled in a place with rest from his surrounding enemies who are no longer an immediate threat. The Davidic covenant mentioned here is the validation of his dynasty, where David is going to be succeeded by his son and his son's son. Here David is not to build a house building for God, but God will build a house dynasty for David.

However, David decided to build a beautifully constructed permanent building for the ark of God. David begins his prayer praising him for what he has done for David and his people. The awe that David expresses as he ponders on God's involvement in his life and reflects on the nature of this great God should surely be reflected in the hearts of all those who have been conscious of God's presence and action in their own lives.

The second half of David's prayer, where he pleads with God to do as you promised, is not a sign of doubt that the promise might not be kept. It is rather a realistic and encouraging fumbling to find the right words to express what David felt. David had been promised that his name would be made great. He prays that in keeping this promise God's name will be great for ever. He, knows that his descendants may fail and doesn't want to focus on that, but his prayer that the house of your servant will be blessed for ever, perhaps reflect his desire that any failure won't be too significant. In asking God to do what he said, David's prayer is in effect a precursor of Jesus' instruction to his disciples to pray 'your will be done'. May we give praise to God for all that he has done in our lives and pray 'your will be done, **Amen.**'

Song Take my life and let it be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sss-g50Dw1Q>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fffd4Tot1L8>

With lyrics
Celtic Song

Intercessions

For this world in its need

Its need of peace

Its need of healing

Its need of love

Holy God, we pray

For our towns and villages in their need

Their need of peace

Their need of healing

Their need of love

Holy God, we pray

For our homes in their need

Their need of peace

Their need of healing

Their need of love

Holy God, we pray

For those in poverty in their need
Their need of peace
Their need of healing
Their need of love

Holy God, we pray

For those we love in their need
Their need of peace
Their need of healing
Their need of love

Holy God, we pray

Song You Do Not Walk Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNCj2KW-JFk&t=2s>

Final prayers

O Son of God, change my heart.
Your spirit composes the song of the birds
and the buzz of the bees.
Your creation is a million wondrous miracles,
beautiful to look upon.
I ask of you just one more miracle:
beautify my soul.

O God, you called all life into being,
your presence is around us now,
your Spirit enlivens all who work.
May your kingdom come on earth.
Impart to us wisdom to understand your ways,
to manage well the tasks you give us.
Make us co-creators with you
so that when day fades we may come to you
without shame.

Good God, be with us in every experience of life.

When we neglect you
Remind us of your presence
When we are frightened
Give us courage
When we are tempted
Give us the power to resist
When we are anxious or worried
Give us peace
When we are weary in service
Renew our tired frame

**God who dances with creation
plants your likeness in the people
and strikes the world with thunder,
send us out to fill the world with love.**

Blessing

Final Song

The Day thou Gavest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJD473vDg5E> Songs of Praise/Northumberland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBOQnGWhb4U> with lyrics

Notices:

Bishop Stephen tweet on 2nd July 2020

My first day as Bishop of Chelmsford began very early on a cold November morning praying in the chapel at Bradwell. Not quite my last day today, but lovely to return on foot and pray here one last time

Archbishop Stephen YouTube on 9th July 2020

Archbishop Elect Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell takes up his Crozier as 98th Archbishop of York

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BTy_eJ_gr4

Opening prayer from Iona Community

Final prayers from 'The Celtic Prayer Book', Volume One, Prayer Rhythms, Ray Simpson. Pub Kevin Mayhew