

**Welcome**

**Hymn – MP 462 – The King of love**

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;  
but yet in love He sought me,  
and on His shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
within Thy house for ever!

**Prayers**

**Hymn -CH4 559 - There is a Redeemer,**

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.  
*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain:  
*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
in that holy place.  
*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation.’” <sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

**Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46 –** <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’ <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ <sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ <sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ <sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ <sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Sermon**

**Hymn - MP 544 – When I needed a neighbour**

1. When I needed a neighbour,  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

*(Continued overleaf)*

**Reading: Luke 3: 1-11 –** <sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,

2. I was hungry and thirsty,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*  
*were you there?*

3. I was cold, I was naked,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the*

4. When I needed a shelter,  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*  
*were you there?*

5. When I needed a healer,  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*  
*were you there?*

6. Wherever you travel  
I'll be there, I'll be there,  
wherever you travel I'll be there.  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*  
*were you there?*

### ***Prayers***

#### ***Hymn – CH4 694 – Brother, Sister, let me serve you***

1.Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2.We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3.I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4.I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5.When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6.Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

### ***Dedication of Offering***

### ***Benediction & Amen***