



**A very warm welcome  
Sunday 11 July 2021**

## **Welcome - Tom Wright**

### **Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens**

Your glory shines in all that you have made  
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness  
All earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent  
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered  
The one who spoke out stars now breathes his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners  
That you would pay the price my sin deserves?  
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness  
And from his wounds flows mercy unreserved

### **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory  
Death could not hold the one who authored life!  
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness  
And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And so we wait in eager expectation  
And join the song as all creation groans:  
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
The Day you call your sons and daughters home."

## Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

## Notices & Break

### Prayers - Carrie Fishlock

### Reading 1 - John 4:27-42 Page 889 Katherine Laramee

#### We're not alone for Christ is here

Immanuel our God come near  
We're not alone for to our world  
Jesus has come eternal Word  
And as he speaks our souls laid bare  
Naked ashamed sin is made clear  
And yet he clothes us in his love  
Never alone Christ is with us is with us

The dawn will come the sun will rise  
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light  
Tomb opened wide stone rolled away  
Morning has come a brand new day  
"He isn't here" the angel said  
He is alive no longer dead  
Our hearts are lifted souls raised high  
Christ is with us Christ is our life he's our life

The longest walk earth's darkest day  
The pressing crowd his mounting pain  
A heavy load of grief and shame  
Breathless that we should breathe again  
"Father, forgive them" comes his cry  
Silence from God blackens the sky  
A creeping dread in every heart  
Lost in the world now  
God departs God departs

Never alone is now our cry  
In joy in grief in lonely sin  
Never alone for Christ is ours  
He lives in us we live in him  
And 'til we reach that final day  
When fears are gone cast far away  
We'll live secure trust in his love  
Never alone Christ is with us he's with us

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### Reading 2 - Revelation 14:14-15:4 Page 1036 Josh Skipworth

### Talk - Tom Barnardo

### Interview - Christian Stuart and Tor Mackay

*Are we really part of the 144,000?*

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The Lord will forever be worshipped

**i. The ransomed will be gathered**

*"These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God..."*

*cf. 14:4*

**ii. The rebels will be trampled**

**Application: persevere in battle**

**Questions:**

How does this encourage us to *hold on* to the gospel? Why might we abandon it today?

How does this encourage us to *hold out* Jesus' gospel? Why might we be ashamed of it today?

## Your glorious cause O God

Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

### *Chorus*

*Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come*

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach  
Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

### *Chorus*

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## Final words

### Notices:

**New?** Welcome! Please fill in a contact card at [stnickschurch.org.uk](http://stnickschurch.org.uk) to keep in touch.

**Summer Small Groups this Wednesday.** Join us (and invite others to join us) for a relaxed evening looking at Revelation 2:1-7. There *is* an online option, but we'd love you to join us **in person** at St Nick's. Dinner (BYO or buy from Wren) at **6.15pm**, before **7pm start**. The evening will finish at **8pm**.

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### Please note:

**Covid-19:** All should wear a face covering whilst inside, maintain social distancing of at least 1m, and keep an empty seat between anyone not in their household. Thank you!

**Children:** Families remain responsible for their children in light of Covid-19, but groups are available for crèche, Sunday school and youth. Please ask, or see the guidance poster for specifics.

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“And behold, I am coming soon.

**Blessed is the one who keeps the words  
of the prophecy of this book.”**

“Behold, I am coming soon,

Bringing my recompense with me,

**To repay each one for what he has done.**

I am the Alpha and the Omega,

**The first and the last,**

**The beginning and the end.”**

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”

**And let the one who hears say, “Come.”**

And let the one who is thirsty come

**Let the one who desires**

**Take the water of life without price.**

He who testifies to these things says,

**“Surely I am coming soon.”**

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.**

**Amen.**

Revelation 22:7, 12-13, 17, 20-21