



St **NICOLAS' CHURCH**
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A Service of the Word



Mannofield Church of Scotland

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Stained Glass Window, North Transept

The window in the north transept was designed and installed by Shona McInnes and dedicated in May 1999. The theme of this window is "The calming of the storm" and the inscription is "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life". This was provided by a legacy left to the church by the late Isobel Calder.

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Welcome and Notices

Introduction

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;
Perplexed, but not in despair;
Persecuted, but not abandoned;
Struck down, but not destroyed,
We always carry in our body the death of Jesus
So that the death of Jesus may be revealed.

We fix our eyes not on what is seen:
But on what is unseen and eternal.

(2 Cor. 4)

**Loving Lord,
Fill us with your life-giving,
Joy-giving, peace-giving presence,
That we may praise you now with our lips
And all the day long with our lives,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Please sit as we listen to

Hymn:

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying: 'Christian, follow me.'

As of old St Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying: 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures:
that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)
St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal School of Church Music
Andrew Earis, Director of Music of St Martin in-the-Fields

Confession

Let us confess our sins as we return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
In our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
Deliver us from judgement, bind up our wounds and revive us;
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Hosea 6)

Promise of Forgiveness (Absolution)

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

Amen.

First Reading:

2 Cor. 6:1- 13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Second Reading:

Mark 4: 35 - 41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

Hymn: Eternal Father, strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace.
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*William Whiting (1825 – 1878)
St Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, BBC*

SERMON

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions

At the end of each bidding when the leader says: Lord in your mercy,
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**

At the end of the prayers we say the Lord's Prayer together.

The 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 for ever.

Amen.

Hymn: Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul ...

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul ...

Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul ...

Priscilla J. Owens (1829 – 1907)

Gareth Moore, Isle of Man Methodist Church

The Blessing

Music to listen to after the Blessing is given:

Deep peace of the running wave to you (John Rutter)

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you*

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