



THE COMMUNITY OF THE
TREE OF LIFE

Welcome Service

Thursday 23rd September 2020

4.00PM

Community Chapel

Gathering

Welcome

Welcome from the Abbot, Bishop Martyn

Opening Prayer

SONGS

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves

Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh he is my song

'Cause You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
repeats

'Cause You are good, good, ohh
You are good, good, ohh

Jesus be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus

Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus
Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus
Jesus
Jesus
Jesus

The Word of God

Gospel Reading

Read by a resident

John Chapter I verses 35-39

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, '**What are you looking for?**' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Address Bishop Martyn

Welcome and Commitment

-for new Community Residents

Prior introduces the invitation to Community life and exploration of the Community Rule.

Each resident shares his or her hopes for the year ahead.

The Prior presents each new person by name to the Abbot.

Abbot: What is it that you seek?

Resident: I seek the Lord,

I seek to become rooted, flourishing and fruitful
and I seek to journey as a disciple with this
Community.

Abbot: N, you are welcome.

**All: N, we welcome you in the name of Christ.
We will pray for you,
encourage you,
and walk with you.**

Prayers

Led by Matt Long, Sub Prior

Prayer response

In this journey of faith

Far we have come, far we must go.

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 your,
now and for ever. Amen.

Song

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labour
Rain on us with grace and favour
We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

*Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You, we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide, we abide in You*

We are the vineyard You have planted
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We abide, we abide in You

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Conclusion

Blessing

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,
so that with one voice you may glorify the God and
Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ; *cf Romans 15.5,6*
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always,

All Amen.