



## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

### **Parish United All Age Worship**

### **Farewell service for the Waako family**

#### Welcome

#### Hymn    **631 Tell out my soul**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of His word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith

#### Lighting of the advent candle

**All            Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would  
bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our  
hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

## Preparation

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

To rub your eyes and wake up from your sleep.

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

For God's salvation is nearer now  
than when we first believed.

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

So leave what you do in the dark behind:

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

And put on the armour of light, instead  
– the Lord Jesus Christ, himself.

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming:**

Walk in the daylight – righteous and true  
– with nothing at all to hide.

It's coming. The time is coming:

**It's coming. The time is coming.**

## Confession:

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**All            Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again.**

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself**

**as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Leader      May God who loved the world so much**

**that he sent his Son to be our Saviour**

**forgive us our sins**

**and make us holy to serve him in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All**

**Amen.**

## Video – Memories of the Waako family

### Bible Readings

**Luke 3:1-6** – Janelle Mensah

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar ... 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.”’

**Philippians 1:3-11** – David Hatfield

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

### Songs of Praise – Lyz Waako

#### **Amazing Grace (my chains are gone - 1151)**

Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I’ve been set free,  
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised  
good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*My chains are gone . . .*

*My chains are gone . . .*

The earth shall soon  
dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me  
here below  
will be forever mine.

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## Sermon – Rev Sam Waako

### Hymn    **170 Give thanks with a grateful heart**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks . . .

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks . . .

And now . . .

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Music arranged by David Peacock  
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## Advent Creed

**All        We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.  
The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence,  
who does not need to fill each moment  
with activity and noise.  
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,  
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,  
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,  
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,  
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,**

**who waited for the right time  
to become the suffering servant,  
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,  
whose silence overpowered their words,  
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,  
sometimes arriving with obvious power,  
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God  
who patiently waits for us,  
and who longs for us to do the same. AMEN**

### Confirmation presentations

Mary Angus, Angela Eaton, Natasha Gatsi, Emma Smith Gould, Katie Smith Jones

### Intercessions – Rachel Johnson

#### The Lord's prayer

**Leader** As our Saviour has taught us so we pray.

**All** **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.**

### Prayers for the Waako family

### Notices

#### Hymn – 445 **Lord the light of your love is shining**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us –  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word, Lord,  
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness –  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine . . .*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story –  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine . . .*

Words and music by Graham Kendrick  
Music arranged by Christopher Norton

## Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,  
for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing ...

## Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All            In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***Refreshments will be served in the church after the service  
during which speeches and presentations will be made.***

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