

**Livingstone Parish Church**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Rev. Ross Mitchell**

**Hymn 1 CH4 173**

**Sing to God new songs of worship –**

all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm:  
he has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship –  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness:  
sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship –  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters  
sound your praises to the Lord!  
Let the hills be joyful together  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

Michael Baughen (b. 1930)  
from *Psalms* 98

**Hymn 2 JP 589**

***Our God is a great big God***

*Our God is a great big God*  
*Our God is a great big God*  
*And he holds us in his hands.*

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*And he holds us in his hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
And he's deeper than a submarine  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams  
And he's known me  
And he's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part of God's  
amazing plan

*Our God is a great big God...*

*Our God is a great big God...*

He's higher than a skyscraper...

*Our God is a great big God...*

*Our God is a great big God...*

*Our God is a great big God...*

And he holds us in his hands,  
and he holds us in his hands,  
and he holds us in his hands,  
and he holds us in his hands.

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**Hymn 3 MP 192**

**God of grace and God of glory,**

on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.

Heal Thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
that we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for Thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

Henry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)  
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**Hymn 4 MP 452**

**Loved with everlasting love,**

led by grace that love to know;  
gracious Spirit from above,  
Thou hast taught me it is so.  
O this full and perfect peace!  
O this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease  
I am His, and He is mine.  
In a love which cannot cease  
I am His, and He is mine.

Heaven above is softer blue,  
earth around is sweeter green;  
something lives in every hue,  
Christless eyes have never seen:  
birds with gladder songs o'erflow,  
flowers with deeper beauties shine,  
since I know, as now I know,  
I am His, and He is mine.  
since I know, as now I know,  
I am His, and He is mine.

His for ever, only His:  
who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss  
Christ can fill the loving heart!  
Heaven and earth may fade and flee,  
first-born light in gloom decline;  
but while God and I shall be,  
I am His, and He is mine.  
but while God and I shall be,  
I am His, and He is mine.

George Wade Robinson (1838-1877)

**Hymn 5**      **MP 796** *(Sing Twice)*

**You shall go out with joy**  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.

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**Exeunt**      *(Sing Twice)*

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go  
with you,**  
wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

Celtic Daily Prayer

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