

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday Morning 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**The Service is led by Rev Andrew Mudharara**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 29 (Responsive)**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox**  
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
**and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**  
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever.  
**May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**Hymn**

To the river, I am going,  
bringing sins I cannot bear;  
come and cleanse me, come, forgive me,  
Lord, I need to meet you there.

In these waters, healing mercy  
flows with freedom from despair:  
I am going to that river;  
Lord, I need to meet you there

*Precious Jesus, I am ready  
to surrender every care.  
Take my hand now, lead me closer;  
Lord, I need to meet you there.  
(repeat from beginning)*

Come and join us in the river,  
come, find life beyond compare.  
He is calling, he is waiting;  
Jesus longs to meet you there.

*Precious Jesus, I am ready  
to surrender every care.  
Take my hand now, lead me closer;  
Lord, I need to meet you there.*

## Hymn 50

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here;  
come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear;  
In Him no sin is found -  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight -  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace -  
No work too hard for Him.  
In faith receive from Him,  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

### Hymn MP 613

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

## Bible Reading Mark 1: 4 - 11

### Hymn MP538 (Offertory taken during the hymn)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and listen for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For You are our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without Your grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out Your hand,  
make wholeness flow at Your command;  
sin's devastation now restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

To Him who left the throne of heaven  
to save mankind, all praise be given;  
to God the Father, voices raise,  
and Holy Spirit, let us praise.

### **Offertory Blessing**

#### **Hymn 651**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call,  
and all things cry glory to God all in all!

### **Sermon – Baptised to follow**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Hymn MP111**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives Thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of Thy call,  
as noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
as fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

## **The Grace**

**Exit Music:** Festive Trumpet Tune by David German