

**Service for Caversham Park Church on Sunday 28 August 2022
(11th after Trinity, Proper 17, Year C)**

Preachers - no text

Welcome

Good morning, and welcome to Church. Welcome to you here in Caversham Park, and welcome to you who are far off and watching us online.

We are here to praise God, to ask him to forgive us our failures, to proclaim his word, and to pray for his world and his people.

Preachers with text

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Today is the day when the Lord has acted.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ,
here and in all your churches throughout the world,
and we bless you
because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

EW Music

Hymn From heaven you came, helpless babe

Preachers - no text

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Praise

Loving Father, we praise and adore you, and we give thanks for your love given to us.

We thank you that you have given us a world filled with all the good things we need.

We thank you for the people around us, whom you have given us to love.

Most of all we thank you for the gift of Christ your Son, and for how he taught us to live together in love and care for one another.

We thank you for his death on the Cross and his glorious resurrection.

We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, empowering us to hear you and follow you.

You are a great and wonderful God, to whom be praise and glory for ever.

Amen.

Preachers with text

Confession

Although we have so many reasons to love God and follow his ways, we do not always do so. We need to admit the reality, that we fail and sin, and need to be put right. So let us confess our sins:

**Holy God,
we confess to you
before the company of the faithful
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned against you,
against one another
and against your creation.
Forgive us in your mercy,
help us to forgive one another
and to hold in reverence all that you have made.
Amen.**

Jesus proclaims to all those who turn to him in penitence and faith:

Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

EW Music

Hymn God forgave my sin

Lectern with text

First Reading Proverbs 25.6-7

Second Reading Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16

Preachers with text

Psalm 112

1 Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**

5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,

**6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes.**

9 They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour.

**10 The wicked shall see it and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;
the desire of the wicked shall perish.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

EW Music

Hymn Let there be love shared among us

Lectern with text

Third Reading Luke 14.1,7-14

Preachers - no text

Sermon

EW Music

Hymn At the name of Jesus

Preachers - no text

Dedication of Collection

Intercessions

Ourselves, that we may learn humility, and let others take priority over us, and be generous to those who cannot repay us.

This church, its future and the URC.

Peace in Ukraine, for the Rohingya people, and for all refugees and others affected by conflict.

The people of Liverpool, and for an end to violent crime everywhere.

For properly funded youth and community services.

All those struggling with rising prices for fuel, food and other things they need.

Care for the environment and control over greenhouse gases.

Fair settlements of industrial disputes.

Wisdom for all in authority, that they may govern according to the values of your Gospel and your Kingdom.

Choice of a new Conservative leader and Prime Minister.

This school and all who work in it.

All of those enjoying holidays and the Reading Rock Festival.

People who are unwell or in sorrow, need or other difficulties.

All who work in hospitals, GP surgeries and the ambulance service.

All who have died.

Preachers with text

Lord's Prayer

EW Music

Hymn O Lord, all the world belongs to you

Lectern - no text

Notices

Preachers - no text

Blessing

May God's love surround us,
God's joy fill our lives,
God's peace be in our hearts,
and God's blessing be with us
this day and always.

Amen.