

Opening hymn All sing

Daniel Mulholland (Piano)

Be Thou My Vision  
Ancient Irish poem,  
ca. 8th cent. Tr. by  
Mary E. Byrne 1905,

*Séamas O'Labhradha*  
(Low whistle)

Versified by Eleanor  
H. Hull

*Aisling Kerr*  
*Catherine Gribben*

1912 Traditional Irish  
melody Arr. by David  
Evans, 1927

Congregation responses in **bold blue**

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art;  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

*Rev Alan Lorimer*

**Welcome:**

*Words of welcome*

*We invite you to continue our opening hymn with us  
as we sing the last two verses of 'Be thou My vision'*

All sing

As above

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art
4. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Opening prayers

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us**

Holy God  
Creator God  
God of life and longing

**Be with us**

Holy God  
Incarnate God  
God of tenderness and compassion

**Be with us**

Holy God  
Transforming God  
God of growth and healing

**Be with us**

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Prayer of  
confession:

Holy God,

You search our hearts  
and you know every part of us.  
All our desires are known to you,  
and from you, no secrets are hidden.  
Help us to recognise our weaknesses  
so that we might be free to love you.

We pray for freedom from

Our petty jealousies and insecurities  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Our yearning for approval and acceptance  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

The need to have control over others  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Our ache for things that do not lead to you  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

The fears that stop us trusting in you  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Almighty God,

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
cleanse our hearts so that we might  
perfectly love you and glorify  
your holy name.

May we be more and more alive to you.  
We make this prayer  
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

AMEN.

*Chloe McGrath  
(Singer)*

**Psalm :sung:**

From the depths (Psalm 130)

*Aisling  
Kerr(Harmony)*

*From the Depths  
Verses 1 and 2*

From the depths I cry to you, O God  
Lord, listen to my voice

*Larry Harte  
(guitar)*

*Celtic Psalms: The  
Lord's my Shepherd.  
Kiran Wimberley  
and the McGraths*

From the depths I cry to you, O Go  
Please listen to my prayer

*Seamas  
OLabhradha  
(Low whistle)*

For if you should mark our iniquity  
O lord who could stand  
But with God forgiveness can be found  
But with God forgiveness can be found

I wait in stillness for the Lord,  
And in God's words do I hope  
More than those who hope for morning light  
More than those who hope for morning light

Trust in God you people Israel,  
Who redeems you from sin  
For with God forgiveness can be found  
For with God forgiveness can be found

*Instrumental verse*

*Rev Alan  
Lorimer*

**Reading**  
New Living Translation

Isaiah Chapter 30 verses 15-18

This is what the Sovereign Lord,  
the Holy One of Israel, says:  
Only in returning to me  
and resting in me will you be saved.  
In quietness and confidence is your strength.

But you would have none of it.  
You said, 'No, we will get our help from Egypt.  
They will give us swift horses for riding into battle.'  
But the only swiftness you are going to see  
is the swiftness of your enemies chasing you!  
One of them will chase a thousand of you.  
Five of them will make all of you flee.

You will be left like a lonely flagpole on a hill  
or a tattered banner on a distant mountaintop.”  
So the Lord must wait for you to come to him  
so he can show you his love and compassion.  
For the Lord is a faithful God.  
Blessed are those who wait for his help.  
Those who wait around for him are the lucky ones.

The Word of the Lord: [Thanks be to God](#)

Chloe  
McGrath

*Aisling Kerr*

*Larry Harte*  
(guitar)

*Séamas*  
*OLabhradha*  
(Low whistle)

Psalm 131 -  
sung.

*Instrumental first verse*

My heart's not lifted up O Lord  
Nor my eyes raised to high  
I do not think of things too great  
I have calmed and quietened my soul

Like a child with mother quieted  
My soul is at rest  
For with God forgiveness can be found  
For with God forgiveness can be found

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*Breige*  
*O'Hare*

*Mairead*  
*Duffy*  
(harp)

Reflective  
introduction to  
gospel

*A few minutes to set the scene for prayerful  
listening to the gospel*

Breige  
O'Hare

Gospel

The Lord is here, **his Spirit is with us.**

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

Mairead  
Duffy  
(harp)

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home."

And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Breige  
O'Hare

Short time of guided reflection

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us**

Rev Alan Lorimer

Let us continue to praise God as we sing together "Be Still and Know that I am God"

*All sing*                      Hymn                      Be still and know that I am God (x3)

*Daniel*    I am the Lord that healeth thee(x3)

*Mulholland*  
*(Piano)*

In thee O lord, I put my trust (x3)

*Aisling Kerr*  
*Catherine*  
*Gribben*  
*(leading*  
*congregation)*

*Rev Alan*  
*Lorimer*

Carried to the  
Lord

The Lord who cares for us is the Lord who called us to himself in our baptism. Today we use the cross, traced in baptism on our foreheads, to remind us of our union with Christ. We give ourselves again to him, entrusting ourselves into his care, knowing that we are welcome and wanted.

As we come to have this sign of our baptism traced on our foreheads we are aware that we carry in our hearts those people who also need Christ's care, our family and friends, you at home joining us in prayer.

We carry you to the Lord.

*Rev Alan*  
*Lorimer*

*All in the congregation come forward to have the cross, the sign of baptism, made on their foreheads. Movement accompanied by Mairead Duffy singing the Breastplate of St Patrick*

*Mairead Duffy*  
*(Singer)*

*The Breastplate*  
*of St Patrick*

The Breastplate of St Patrick

*Catherine*  
*Gribben*  
*(Harmony)*

*Sarah Hart & Bob*  
*Halligan*

*Larry Harte*  
*(guitar)*

*Spirit and Song*  
*2013*

*Seamas*  
*O'Labhradha*  
*(Low whistle)*

Christine  
McCausland

Prayers of  
intercession

**In Christ we pray**

To put on the mind of Christ  
to choose wisely  
to judge fairly  
to remember we belong to God

**In Christ we pray**

To share in the heart of Christ  
to be his kindness  
to cry his tears  
to feel his care

**In Christ we pray**

To be his hands  
to receive from others  
to realise our own emptiness  
to change and to be changed

**In Christ we pray**

To share his excitement  
to realise his dream  
to know he is with us  
to feel him close

**In Christ we pray**

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*(Congregation Stand)*  
In Christ we pray together  
**Our Father who art in Heaven**  
**Hallowed be Thy Name**  
**Thy kingdom come**  
**Thy will be done**  
**On Earth as it is in Heaven**  
**Give us this day**  
**Our daily bread**  
**And forgive us our trespasses**  
**As we forgive those**  
**Who trespass against us**  
**And lead us not into Temptation**  
**But deliver us from evil**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power and the glory**  
**For ever and ever AMEN**

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Final blessing

We have come to the end of our service. I want to thank the musicians and singers and the congregation who have travelled down with us to pray with you this morning.

And so we have the final blessing,

May we rest In the stillness of God  
May we find acceptance  
in the deep love of his Son  
and in our coming and our going  
may we experience  
the freedom of the Spirit  
day by day,  
calling us to new life  
together in Christ  
**AMEN**

Congregation Hymn

Let us sing together our final hymn: Love divine

*Led by Aisling  
Kerr and  
Catherine  
Gribben*

WORDS: Charles  
Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: W. P.  
Rowlands (1860-  
1937)

Daniel Mulholland  
(Piano)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.