

INAUGURAL WORSHIP

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2017



PLEASE REMAIN SEATED as the minister, choir and duty trustee enter.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Our peace candle is a symbol of the desire of Christian people, around the world, to see the peace of Christ extend to every corner of the Earth.

Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy constant loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

JOHN MASON NEALE (1811-1866)

PRAYERS

FAMILY TIME
“Building Blocks”



CELEBRATION SONG

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new church here today.*

See the people hurry down to Cornerstone,
expectation of a new exciting time together.

Come and join the celebration...

Had a vision of a new united church,
Faith and prayer have led us to this happy celebration.

Come and join the celebration...

God is with us, round the town the message bring.
He is with us. Welcome all who want to come and join us

Come and join the celebration...

Adapted by SONIA HARRIYOTT, 2017
for the inauguration of Cornerstone

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118 v 19 – 26

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2 v 17-22

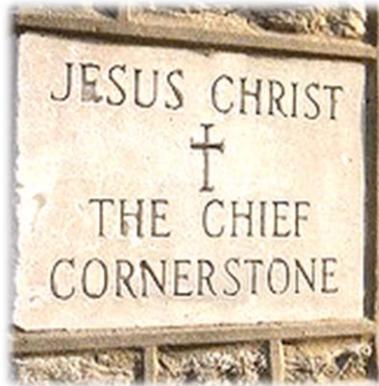
¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of

the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

MESSAGE

“Christ - The Sure Foundation”



HYMN

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

EDWARD MOTE (1797-1874)

ACT OF FELLOWSHIP & COMMITMENT

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

All The peace of the Lord be always with your
and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

COMMISSIONING OF CORNERSTONE TRUSTEES & OFFICERS

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in this church.

This is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we commission ...

Do you acknowledge yourself to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

With the help of God I will.

Will you so live and serve that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

With the help of God I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

With the help of God I will.

May we pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular responsibilities in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The minister addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides labourers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have committed, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

All With the help of God we will.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

All **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.**

HYMN

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated, and the bread and wine will be brought to you. All are welcome to partake.



HYMN

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth in Bethlehem –
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary:
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross,
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

EDWARD JOSEPH BURNS (*b.* 1938)

BENEDICTION