



What is life without my love?

Learning to grow through the pain of bereavement

From Friday, 15 October, 4pm
 St Mark's Church Hall, Denham Green

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WORSHIP IN THE WOODS

Sunday, 19 Sep, 4pm
 (We will meet behind St Mary's Church in Denham)

ST MARY'S FESTIVAL TODAY:

 <p>12-2pm Barbecue Hot Dog Beef Burger</p>	 <p>1-5pm Afternoon Tea The White House With treasure hunt</p>	 <p>1-2pm Bell Chiming St Mary's</p>	 <p>4pm Singing Vicar St Mary's</p>
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Service Sheet

12th September 2021, 10.30 am
ST MARY'S FESTIVAL
LAMENT AND LAUGHTER

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

CHOIR

Weeping may endure for the night
 Joy comes in the morning
 Hallelujah for the Lord (3)
 Joy comes in the morning

WELCOME

HYMN

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
 Tender to me the promise of His word
 In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice

Tell out my soul the greatness of His Name
 Make known His might the deeds
 His arm has done
 His mercy sure from age to age the same
 His holy Name the Lord the Mighty One

Tell out my soul the greatness of His might
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills
 are put to flight
 The hungry fed the humble lifted high

Tell out my soul the glories of His word
 Firm is His promise and His mercy sure
 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
 To children's children and for evermore

OPENING PRAISE

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good
His love endures forever.

HOW STRONG?

SONG

Be strong and courageous
 Do not be afraid
 Don't be discouraged
 For the Lord your God will be with you
 Oh be strong and courageous
 Do not be afraid
 Don't be discouraged
 For the Lord your God will be with you
 Wherever you go, wherever you go

When troubles come
 The Lord your God is with you
 He will always be there by your side
 He is strong when you feel
 small and frightened
 You will never, ever be alone

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

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LAMENT AND LAUGHTER

Ian Jennings

BIBLE READINGS:

Ezra 3. 10-13

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, 'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.'

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

NEHEMIAH 8. 1,9-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat

and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK

When Israel returns from exile after a terrible disruption of their national life that lasted for several generations, there is laughter and lament: Lament about what has been lost and laughter about a new beginning and new hope. As we begin to recover from the disruption of the pandemic, let's set our hopes on the steadfast love of God, his Word and our joy in him. Let's lean into GRACE | PACE | TRACE in this season.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (Luke 1. 46-55)

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

CHOIR

*God of hope and Lord of healing
We come to You in prayer
In our living in our dying
You promise to be there*

For the weak we ask Your courage
And Your patience for the strong
Stay with those whose pain is sharpest
And those enduring long

O provide for all the weary
Your precious gift of sleep
With the glad let us be joyful
And weep with those who weep

Come to meet Your praying people
Be with us as we kneel
Come to help us God our Saviour
For You alone can heal

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(REPEAT)

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm. He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

LAMENT AND LAUGHTER

Kath Sole

HYMN

Lord for the years
your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
We bring our thanks today.

Lord, for our world;
when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves
In living power remake us
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne
Past put behind us for the future take us
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone

BLESSING

May you know Christ's love as the sure foundation of your life – in lament and laughter; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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