

ORDER OF SERVICE for the MORNING OF 20th SEPTEMBER 2020.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome to the house of the Lord!
We have come here from lives
that are burdened and stressed. Bring your hearts that are lonely
and here find welcome, hope and peace,
all given by God who loves you.
We feel welcome here.
It is here that we can offer our gifts
and our service to God.
So let us worship God!
Hallelujah! Amen!

HYMN (Tune: Ae fond kiss.)

1) Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one.

2) To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of Hosts today;
with your constant loving-kindness,
hear your servants as they pray.

3) Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and gable end,
We, the living bricks are precious,
building His House friend by friend.

4) Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever one.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 127

A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.
Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.
Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

FIRST PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

CHILDREN'S HYMN

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise,
That will move thro' this land by My Spirit,
And will glorify my precious Name.
Build your Church, Lord,
Make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son,
Make us one, Lord, in Your Body,
In the Kingdom of Your Son.
(D. Richards; CCL215337)

THE MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN

1) Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
REFRAIN: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
REFRAIN:

3) Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
REFRAIN:

4) Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

REFRAIN:
(Marty Haugen b.1950; CCL 215337.)

BENEDICTION