

## SERMON NOTES

2 Kings 2:1-14

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you than he has said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,  
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
as days may demand, shall your strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with you. Oh be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you, my only design:  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes.  
The soul, though all Hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

## CLOSING PRAYER



**Sunday 27 February 2022**

*Welcome to Emmanuel!*

## SONG

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

**WELCOME**

by Brian Kruger

## SONG

To God be the glory, great things He has done.  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice.*

*Come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
Give Him the glory; great things He has done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,  
great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our worship when Jesus we see.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### SONGS

Before the world began, God made a masterplan  
To bring all things together under one head  
That head is Jesus Christ, who died and rose to life  
And now he's seated at the right hand of God

Once we were dead in sin  
Now we are raised with him  
By grace we're saved, through faith in Jesus alone  
Part of his body now, united by his power  
Joined with his people all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?  
He washed us clean with his word  
He chose us to be on his team  
We are more loved than we could dream  
We've got good news, shout it out  
You've got to hear what it's all about  
No-one's too far away to be  
Welcomed into God's family*

Speaking the truth in love to build the body up  
We serve each other using gifts from the King  
We pray for unity so everyone will see  
God's plan in action in his people today

*We are the church, have you heard...*

One Lord, one faith, one God, one Father,  
One body, one Spirit, we are one in Christ!  
One hope, one truth, one cross, one Saviour,  
One mission, one future, we are one in Christ!

*We are the church, have you heard...*

*Our children and young people go out to their  
groups*

### BITEIZE

*We catch up with our mission partner Rachel Chard,  
working in Oxford with Friends International*

## PRAYERS led by Alex & Becci Bitsios-Esposito

### SONG

Holy Spirit, living breath of God  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me.  
Give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within.  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show Your power once again on earth.  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
that in unity the face of Christ  
will be clear for all the world to see.

**BIBLE READING** read by Rachel Rowe  
2 Kings 2:1-14

**BIBLE TALK** by Richard Hopkins

### SONGS

We're Not Alone, for Christ is here;  
Emmanuel, our God, come near.  
We're not alone, for to our world  
Jesus has come, eternal Word.  
And as he speaks, our souls laid bare,  
naked, ashamed, sin is made clear.  
And yet he clothes us in his love:  
never alone, Christ is with us, is with us.

The longest walk, earth's darkest day,  
the pressing crowd, his mounting pain.  
A heavy load of grief and shame,  
breathless that we should breathe again.  
'Father forgive them,' comes his cry;  
silence from God blackens the sky.  
A creeping dread in every heart,  
lost in the world, now God departs,  
God departs.

The dawn will come, the sun will rise,  
out of the grave we'll see hope's light.  
Tomb opened wide, stone rolled away,  
morning has come, a brand new day.  
'He isn't here,' the angel said.  
'He is alive, no longer dead.'  
Our hearts are lifted, souls raised high  
Christ is with us, Christ is our life,  
he's our life.

'Never alone', is now our cry,  
in joy, in grief, in lonely sin.  
Never alone, for Christ is ours:  
he lives in us, we live in him.  
And till we reach that final day  
when fears are gone, cast far away,  
we'll live secure, trust in his love;  
never alone, Christ is with us,  
he's with us.