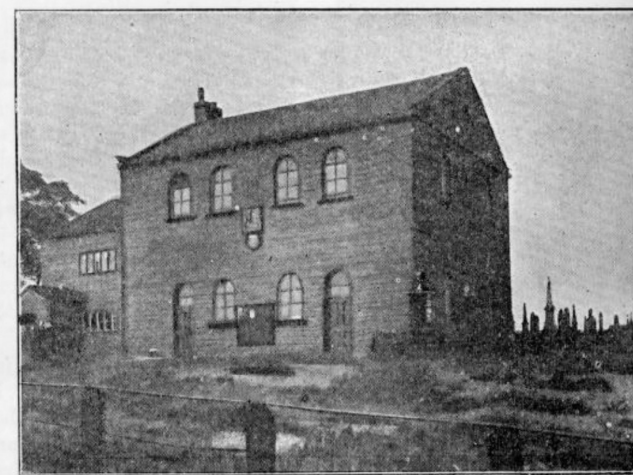


Mount Zion Methodist Church

Circuit Service

2nd November 2014



MOUNT ZION CHAPEL.



Call to Worship

1

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 in 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!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

And give him the glory - great things he has done.

2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:

3

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 rapture, when Jesus we see:

Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915) alt.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Loving God, forgive us:

Make us holy, for you are all holiness.

Holy God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbour as we love ourselves, and as we hope to be loved.

Loving God, forgive us:

Make us holy, for you are all holiness.

Holy God, we confess that we collude with a society in which there is little reverence for the values of the kingdom.

Loving God, forgive us:

Make us holy, for you are all holiness.

Holy God, we confess that we are too comfortable with a world in which the poor are exploited and the destitute starved.

Loving God, forgive us:

Make us holy, for you are all holiness.

Holy God, we confess that we have worshipped the false gods of power and superiority, of success and status and conquest.

Draw near with faith.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND DISMISSAL

Let us pray.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all people. Amen.**

1

Captain of Israel's host, and Guide
Of all who seek the land above,
Beneath thy shadow we abide,
The cloud of thy protecting love;
Our strength, thy grace; our rule, thy word;
Our end, the glory of the Lord.

2

By thine unerring Spirit led,
We shall not in the desert stray;
We shall not full direction need,
Nor miss our providential way;
As far from danger as from fear,
While love, almighty love, is near.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with us always.
Amen.

Go in peace in the power of the Spirit
to live and work to God's praise and
glory.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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He proclaimed your kingdom, by word and deed,
and was put to death upon the cross.
You raised him from the dead;
you exalted him in glory;
and through him you have sent your Holy Spirit,
calling us to be your people,
a community of faith.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the choirs of heaven,
we join in the triumphant hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we praise you
that on the night in which he was
betrayed
our Saviour Christ took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body, given for
you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and gave it to them,
saying,
'Drink from it, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
and proclaiming his eternal sacrifice,
we offer ourselves to you in praise and
thanksgiving,
as we declare the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Send down your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of
Christ.

Unite us with him for ever
and bring us with the whole creation
to your eternal kingdom.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of everlasting
praise.
Blessing and honour and glory and
power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.
Silence, all seated or kneeling

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not
hunger
and those who believe in me shall
never thirst.'

Loving God, forgive us:
Make us holy, for you are all holiness.

Collect

Eternal God, giver of love and peace,
you call your children to live together as
one family.
Give us grace to learn your ways
and to do your will,
that we may bring justice and peace to
all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Psalm 87

1
Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2
See! The streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?

3
Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Matthew 7:24-29
1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon

1
All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face.

2
He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope We
hand in hand go on.

3
The gift which he on one bestows,
We all delight to prove;
The grace through every vessel flows,
In purest streams of love.

4
Ev'n now we think and speak the same,
And cordially agree;
Concentred all, through Jesu's name,
In perfect harmony.

5
We all partake the joy of one,
The common peace we feel,
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.

6
And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we
know
When round his throne we meet!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Presentation of Local Preachers
Long Service Certificate to
Mr Christopher Robinson

Mission and Heritage at Mt Zion

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.
God, most gracious and most holy,
grant us the help of your Spirit
as we pray for the Church and the
world.

We pray for the Church in every land .

..
for this church and for other local
churches . . .

that we may worship and serve you
with reverence and joy.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the peoples of the world .
..
and for the leaders of the nations . . .

that all may work together for justice
and peace.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are ill or
distressed . . .
for the lonely and the bereaved . . .
and for those in any other need or
trouble . . .

that they may be comforted and
sustained.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, we remember before you
all your servants who have died in the
faith of Christ . . .

We pray that we too may lead faithful
and godly lives in this world,
and finally share with all the saints in
everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say together:

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

We are the Body of Christ.

**In the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body.
Let us therefore keep the unity of the
Spirit
in the bond of peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

And also with you.

1

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone:

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

2

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received
him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, gracious Father,
our Maker and Sustainer.
You created the heavens and the earth
and formed us in your own image.
Though we sinned against you,
your love for us was constant,
and you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the Saviour of the world.

Sharing our human nature,
he was born of Mary
and baptized in the Jordan.