



Christ Church Hessle

Sunday 22nd June 2025, 10.30am

Leader: Martin Reynolds | **Speaker:** Graham Phillips | **Bible passage:**
Jeremiah 22 – 23:10

You are very welcome to Christ Church Hessle. Let's respond to God's word and encourage one another.

Order of service

Welcome

Song: How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Song: To him be the glory, for all he has done
Praise to the Father, who gave us his Son
A ransom for many, he bled and died

Then rose in victory enthroned on high

To him be the glory in heaven and earth
All of creation is shouting his worth
The saints and the angels all live to proclaim
The wonderful story, the glorious name

*Oh look and see our God
And celebrate the power of the cross
and the empty grave
And now we're free
Let the redeemed
lift up your head
Oh look and see our God*

To him be the glory, He's coming again
All of this sadness will come to an end
Oh what a reunion, the bride and her King
Forever we'll praise Him, forever we'll sing

Glory, glory to our God
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Confession: *Lord God,
we are not worthy to come before you,
or to live in your presence,
for we are to blame for our failure to do right:
we have not always spoken the truth
from our heart,
nor has our tongue been free from slander;
we have wronged our friends
and criticized our neighbours;
we have condoned evil,
and not honoured those who fear you;
we have not kept our promises*

*when it hurt us to do so;
we have not used our wealth to your glory:
O Lord, forgive us and help us;
for your name's sake. Amen.*

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 22 – 23:10

¹This is what the LORD says: 'Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: ²"Hear the word of the LORD to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne – you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. ³This is what the LORD says: do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. ⁵But if you do not obey these commands, declares the LORD, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin."

⁶For this is what the LORD says about the palace of the king of Judah:

'Though you are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon,
I will surely make you like a wasteland,
like towns not inhabited.

⁷I will send destroyers against you,
each man with his weapons,
and they will cut up your fine cedar beams
and throw them into the fire.

⁸'People from many nations will pass by this city and will ask one another, "Why has the LORD done such a thing to this great city?" ⁹And the answer will be: "Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and have worshipped and served other gods."

¹⁰Do not weep for the dead king or mourn his loss;

rather, weep bitterly for him who is exiled,
because he will never return
nor see his native land again.

¹¹For this is what the LORD says about Shallum son of Josiah, who succeeded his father as king of Judah but has gone from this place: 'He will never return. ¹²He will die in the place where

they have led him captive; he will not see this land again.'

¹³'Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness,

his upper rooms by injustice,
making his own people work for nothing,
not paying them for their labour.

¹⁴He says, "I will build myself a great palace with spacious upper rooms."

So he makes large windows in it,
panels it with cedar
and decorates it in red.

¹⁵'Does it make you a king
to have more and more cedar?
Did not your father have food and drink?
He did what was right and just,
so all went well with him.

¹⁶He defended the cause of the poor and needy,
and so all went well.

Is that not what it means to know me?'
declares the LORD.

¹⁷'But your eyes and your heart
are set only on dishonest gain,
on shedding innocent blood
and on oppression and extortion.'

¹⁸Therefore this is what the LORD says about Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah:

'They will not mourn for him:
"Alas, my brother! Alas, my sister!"

They will not mourn for him:
"Alas, my master! Alas, his splendour!"

¹⁹He will have the burial of a donkey –
dragged away and thrown
outside the gates of Jerusalem.'

²⁰'Go up to Lebanon and cry out,
let your voice be heard in Bashan,
cry out from Abarim,
for all your allies are crushed.

²¹I warned you when you felt secure,
but you said, "I will not listen!"

This has been your way from your youth;
you have not obeyed me.

²²The wind will drive all your shepherds away,
and your allies will go into exile.

Then you will be ashamed and disgraced
because of all your wickedness.

²³You who live in "Lebanon,"
who are nestled in cedar buildings,
how you will groan when pangs come upon you,
pain like that of a woman in labour!

²⁴‘As surely as I live,’ declares the LORD, ‘even if you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, were a signet ring on my right hand, I would still pull you off. ²⁵I will deliver you into the hands of those who want to kill you, those you fear – Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Babylonians. ²⁶I will hurl you and the mother who gave you birth into another country, where neither of you was born, and there you both will die. ²⁷You will never come back to the land you long to return to.’

²⁸Is this man Jehoiachin a despised, broken pot, an object no one wants?

Why will he and his children be hurled out, cast into a land they do not know?

²⁹O land, land, land, hear the word of the LORD!

³⁰This is what the LORD says:

‘Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule any more in Judah.’

¹‘Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!’ declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: ‘Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,’ declares the LORD. ³‘I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,’ declares the LORD.

⁵‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

⁷‘So then, the days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when people will no longer say, “As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the

Israelites up out of Egypt,” ⁸but they will say, “As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.” Then they will live in their own land.’

⁹Concerning the prophets:

My heart is broken within me;
all my bones tremble.

I am like a drunken man,
like a strong man overcome by wine,
because of the LORD
and his holy words.

¹⁰The land is full of adulterers;
because of the curse the land lies parched
and the pastures in the wilderness are
withered.

The prophets follow an evil course
and use their power unjustly.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Notices

Interview with Graham

Song: Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Prayers

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.*

Creed: *The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
For in him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers
or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created
through him and for him.
He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the
dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in
him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the
cross.*

Song: I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed,
'Not My will, but Thine':
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden of Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Sermon

Song: Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one king
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains:
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

*None above him, none before him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O his love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Closing Prayer