



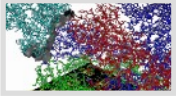
# Wisdom in the Chaos

This painting of the primordial chaos by artist Judy Racz was inspired by the words of Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

## SERVICE ORDER

Zoom Worship, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Heart & Anchor Church



**9.45am** Zoom starts admitting people

**Song:** *Thou whose almighty Word* by John Marriott sung by St Albans Cathedral Choir

[St Albans Cathedral | Thou Whose Almighty Word](#)

**10.00am Welcome and introduction**

The Lord is Here

**His Spirit is with us**

- *As usual, we will mute everyone with us on zoom unless they are speaking.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone on zoom please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

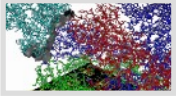
**Opening prayer**

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.

**Confession**

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All** Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;



deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *cf Hosea 6*  
Amen.

### ***The Absolution***

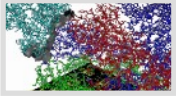
May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *us* to himself,  
and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All*** Amen.

### ***The Collect***

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God  
You have created the heavens and the earth  
And made us in your own image:  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
And your likeness in all your children;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever  
**Amen**



## **First Reading**

### **Proverbs 8:1, 22-31**

#### **Wisdom's Part in Creation**

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise  
her voice? . . .

The LORD created me at the  
beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of  
the earth.

When there were no depths I was  
brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

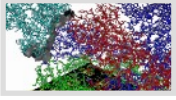
This is the word of the Lord

All. **Thanks be to God**



**silence**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*



Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 1:1-14

### *The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God. He was in the  
beginning with God. All things  
came into being through him, and  
without him not one thing came  
into being. What has come into  
being in him was life, and the life  
was the light of all people. The  
light shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness did not overcome it.



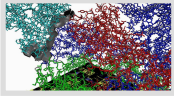
There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all  
might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify  
to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the  
world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world  
did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not  
accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave  
power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of  
the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

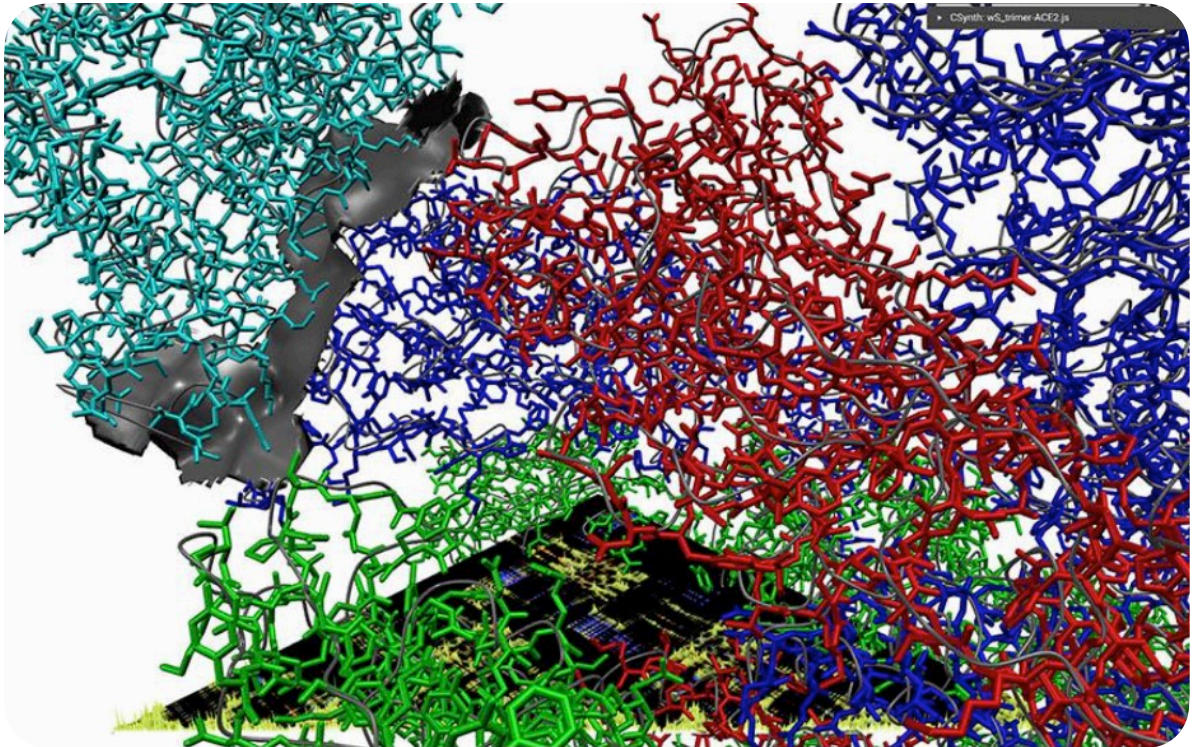
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**





## **Talk** by Rosy Fairhurst



### **Declaration of Faith**

Christ has died

**Christ has died**

Christ has risen

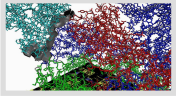
**Christ has risen**

Christ will come again

**Christ will come again**

I believe, Alleluia!

**I believe, Alleluia!**



## **Prayers**

### **The Lords Prayer**

## **Peace**

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

*2 Corinthians 5.17*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!*

**Song:** [Faithful One, so unchanging written and sung by Robin Mark](#)

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

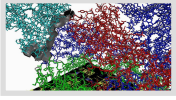
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:



**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,

he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

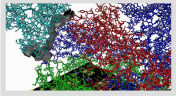
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

**All Dying you destroyed our death,**





**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

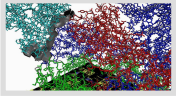
Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace ...]  
Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

***All* Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

***Post-communion prayer***

Almighty God,  
**we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**



**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

The love of God be the passion in your heart.  
The joy of God your strength when times are hard .  
The presence of God a peace that overflows.  
The Word of God the seed that you might sow.  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

### ***Notices***

### ***The Dismissal***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Final Song:** [My Lighthouse by the Rend Collective](#)