

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 10th May 2020

Before we join together: two hymns to sing – to help us prepare

- (1) "Jesus is the mighty mighty King" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOE595gaD_M
- (2) "All creatures of our God and King" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scriptural call to worship, and prayer for God's presence and blessing

This Sunday we begin by hearing God's word from Revelation 1:4-7

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

We listen these words from Matthew 22:37-38

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."

Together we confess our sins:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins,
and the wickedness we have committed
time after time, by thought, word and deed
against your divine majesty.
We have provoked your righteous anger
and your indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Declaring our faith together

We declare the Apostles' Creed together and the comfort of Jesus's judgement from the Heidelberg Catechism.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven
the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake,
and has removed all the curse from me.

He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation,
but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 9

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) Those in our church family struggling with sin and suffering; (ii) for God's justice against his enemies; (iii) for our Queen and government.

Bible reading and Sermon – Matthew 21:1-22

Singing in response to God's Word

"Jesus is Lord": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLJFpxOcGKk>

Scripture and closing prayer – Philippians 4:7

"The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen."