

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 24th May 2020

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

- (1) "Do you not know?" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-YBg2QsqFA>
(2) "What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

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

We pray together

Almighty God,
to whom our hearts are open,
our desires are known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We read God's word from Psalm 2:12

Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Together we confess our sins:

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us.
And strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaring our faith together

We read from the Heidelberg Catechism, reminding one another that there is total safety from God's right judgement for those who take refuge in Christ Jesus.

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the righteous,
being caught up to Christ in the clouds,
shall be set on his right hand,
and there openly acknowledged and acquitted,
shall be received into Heaven,
where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery;
filled with inconceivable joys,
made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul,
in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels,
but especially in the immediate presence of God the Father,
of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity.
And this is the perfect and full communion,
which all who trust in Jesus shall enjoy with Christ in glory,
at the resurrection and day of judgment.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 11

This Psalm speaks of taking refuge in the LORD – and refusing to turn and run in the face of opposition. It trusts that God is testing and refining his people in trial, and that he will judge those who stand against him.

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) Christian perseverance in suffering; (ii) for the lost to turn to Jesus before it is too late; (iii) for Christians in the workplace.

Bible reading and Sermon – Matthew 22:1-14

Singing in response to God's Word

"Here is love, vast as the ocean": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX6u6ULIdmk>

A prayer for God's blessing – out of 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.