

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 14th June 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare sing a hymn & a song

- (1) "Come thou fount of every blessing": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YobLOgMBhKE>
(2) "Jesus said that if I thirst": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

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

We read together:

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8)

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.

Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell (Psalm 100) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmGwHdNtpEw>

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

3 O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!

4 Because the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

5 Praise God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit evermore;
all praise to God the Three - in - One,
let heaven rejoice and earth adore! Amen.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 14

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaring our faith: how should we pray?

We are encouraged to pray together by this extract from the Heidelberg Catechism (Q&A 117):

Q. What belongs to a prayer which pleases God and is heard by him?

A. First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed himself in his Word, for all that he has commanded us to pray.

Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God.

Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) Unity in the body of Christ – despite different personalities, preferences and backgrounds; (ii) For persecuted Christians around the world; (iii) For the Lord to raise up new church elders and pastor-teachers.

Bible reading and Sermon – Matthew 23:13-24:2

Hymn: May the mind of Christ my saviour – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ghgaqT57Ik>

May the mind of Christ my Saviour Live in me from day to day, By his love and power controlling All I do and say.	3. May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.
2. May the word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour So that all may see I triumph Only through his power.	4. May I run the race before me Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

A prayer for God's blessing – 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.