

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 12th July 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing two songs

"Bless the Lord O my soul" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mwtxuiYfY8>

"God is a holy God" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN16lYtAJNU>

At 10.45am: Welcome

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

We listen to these words from Matthew's Gospel, speaking of Christ's kingship and his promise to his people (Matthew 25:31, 34):

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne... .. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

Song: Who has held the oceans in his hands? - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_M_ZdWrCjs

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

(Chorus)
Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Together:

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.

Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and asks that God would grow our confidence in our safety in Christ as we wait for the day of his return.

Declaring our Christian faith using the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader:

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

Together:

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 18:1-24

Our psalm reading today is a song of praise, written when King David had been rescued from his enemies by the LORD. The first half recounts God's might in deliverance.

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and Sermon: Matthew 25:31-46

1. Jesus the King will judge all people – verses 31-33
2. Some will be invited to “come” to Jesus – verses 34-40
3. Some will be told to “depart” from Jesus – verses 41-46
4. The essential proof that we are Jesus’ people – verse 40

Hymn: Day of judgement, day of wonders – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MynN0UqFQzE>

Day of judgment! Day of wonders!
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
louder than a thousand thunders,
shakes the vast creation round.
How the summons
will the sinner's heart confound!

2. See the Judge, our nature wearing,
clothed in majesty divine;
you who long for his appearing
then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour,
own me in that day as thine.

3. At his call the dead awaken,
rise to life from earth and sea;
all the pow'rs of nature, shaken
by his looks, prepare to flee.
Careless sinner,
what will then become of thee?

4. But to those who have confessed,
loved and served the Lord below,
he will say, "Come near, ye blessed,
see the kingdom I bestow;
you forever
shall my love and glory know."

Closing scripture and prayer – from Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”