

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 26th July 2020

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

"Jesus strong and kind": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac

"Love divine, all loves excelling":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udfVtSSZSyg&list=PLSkYeXnWwUAut949v01UZPCUYOmQjtevF&index=1>

At 10.45am: Welcome

Hymn: Praise my soul the king of heaven - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xra6oflIXz0>

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet your tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Who like me His praise should sing
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same for ever
Slow to anger swift to bless
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him
Glorious in His faithfulness

3. Father like He tends and spares us
Well our human frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him
Widely as His mercy flows

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish
Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him
Praise the high eternal One

5. Angels help us to adore Him
You behold Him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before Him
All who dwell in time and space
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him
Praise with us the God of grace

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

Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Revelation 5:13, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!"

Summary of God's Law, 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 prays that God would grant us assurance of the salvation that has been given freely to us.

Declaring our Christian faith together: the Apostles' Creed

This is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. We declare our commitment to this summary of "catholic" (or "universal") doctrine.

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.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 19

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) church family needs; (ii) the unity & growth of our church; (iii) gospel growth.

Song: Prepare our hearts O God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp9JxmouLE>

Prepare our hearts, O God	Your Word is living light	Where else can we go, Lord
Help us to receive	Upon our darkened eyes	Where else can we go?
Break the hard and stony ground	Guards us through temptations	You have the words of eternal life
Help our unbelief	Makes the simple wise	
Plant Your Word down deep in us	Your Word is food for famished ones	Where else can we go, Lord
Cause it to bear fruit	Freedom for the slave	Where else can we go?
Open up our ears to hear	Riches for the needy soul	You have the words of eternal life
Lead us in Your truth	Come speak to us today	
<i>Show us Christ, show us Christ</i>	<i>Show us Christ, show us Christ</i>	<i>Show us Christ, show us Christ</i>
<i>O God, reveal Your glory</i>	<i>O God, reveal Your glory</i>	<i>O God, reveal Your glory</i>
<i>Through the preaching of Your</i>	<i>Through the preaching of Your Word</i>	<i>Through the preaching of Your Word</i>
<i>Word</i>	<i>Until every heart confesses</i>	<i>Until every heart confesses</i>
<i>Until every heart confesses</i>	<i>Christ is Lord</i>	<i>Christ is Lord</i>
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Bible reading and Sermon: Malachi 1:6-14

A prayer for God's blessing – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen."