

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 2nd August 2020

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

"Jesus, thank you": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXWvis6Xk1w>

"Who is God?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDnR77F6Oqo>

At 10.45am: Welcome

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

Revelation 1:4b-5a, "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."

Together:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: Here is love, vast as the ocean - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX6u6ULldmk>

Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

2. On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above;
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

3. Through the years of human darkness,
shone the lamp the prophets trimmed,
making known redemption's story,
of the love of God undimmed.
Christ for every tongue and nation!
All must come beneath his sway;
his the everlasting kingdom
that shall never pass away.

4. When the stars shall fall from heaven,
and the sun turn black as night,
when the skies recede and vanish,
and the elements ignite.
Then the Son of Man in glory,
coming as the Morning Star,
shall return to claim his loved ones,
gathered in from near and far.

Summary of God's Law, confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, & with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Mark 12:29-31)

Together:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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: from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader:

How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

Together:

First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.

Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends us his Spirit as a guarantee, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 20

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and Sermon – Malachi 2:1-9

Song: I once was lost in darkest night - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugGucoYMmKg>

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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Praying for God's blessing – Hebrews 13:20-21