

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 9th August 2020

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

"I heard the voice of Jesus say"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfhmRj0nwFE&list=PLSkYeXnWwUAut949v01UZPCUYOmQjtevF&index=5>

"Who made God?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ny0UUizanxc&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7RelEleVAHVdHrNFBXnJ6vN&index=2>

At 10.45am: Welcome

Hymn: In Christ Alone – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
'til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the World by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

Revelation 1:5b-6, "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

1 John 1:5-7, "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

Together:

Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your
commandments,

my wrong doing, thinking and speaking;
the harm I have done to others;
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
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: from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader:

Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

Together:

Because of the justice and truth of God
satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way
than by the death of the Son of God.

Leader:

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Together:

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 21

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and Sermon: Malachi 2:10-16

Song: Not to us (receive the glory) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjyH0eTI7uA>

*Not to us, but to Your name alone
Be all the glory, the glory, forever
For Your faithfulness and steadfast love
Receive the glory, the glory belongs to You*

1. All that we've accomplished You have done for us	2. Only by Your mercy can we come to You
And any fruit we harvest is a gift from Your hand	Though we deserved Your judgment you have called us by name
We are only jars of clay that hold a priceless treasure	So we glory in the cross of Christ that made us Yours forever
And we exist to bring You pleasure, O God	That joined our lives together to sing

Praying for God's blessing – Jude 1:24-25

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."