

## Lord's Day worship: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

"God is our strength and refuge": [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFn\\_dBWhBPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFn_dBWhBPc)

"In how many persons does this one God exist?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ey2njtZayk>

### At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

#### Scriptural call to worship

" If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

(Colossians 3:1-3)

### Song: Come, thou Fount of every blessing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zogRsurldDE>

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it  
Name of Thy redeeming love

2. Hitherto Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

4. Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

### Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,  
we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you  
by thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart;  
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us.

And strengthen us to serve and obey you  
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;  
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 the Christian faith: using the New City Catechism

### Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

### Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

### How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

## Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 24

### Prayers of intercession

### Bible reading and Sermon: Matthew 26:1-16

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The powerful plan of God (verses 1-2)</li><li>2. The wickedness of men (verses 3-5, 14-16)</li><li>3. The priceless blood of Jesus (verses 6-13)</li></ol> |
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### Hymn: The myst'ry of the cross – [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_35IPrjzq8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_35IPrjzq8)

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary.  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

*Your blood has washed away my sin - Jesus, thank You*  
*The Father's wrath completely satisfied - Jesus, thank You*  
*Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table - Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,  
Your enemy You've made Your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

### A prayer for God's blessing – Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is  
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”