

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 13th September 2020

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

"'Tis finished, the Messiah dies": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAdzDk43YRU>

"Who are the three persons of God?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8owlbbVZ0GM>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scriptural call to worship – Isaiah 53:5-6

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Song: My hope is built on nothing less - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zogRsurldDE>

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
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2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord have mercy on us pitiful sinners.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who truly repent,
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life,
to the praise of your holy 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 the Christian faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 25

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and sermon: Matthew 26:17-29

The Cross and the Covenant

1. Jesus' body was broken – he was pierced for our transgressions

Isaiah 53:4-5

2. Jesus poured out his blood – he made us his own people

Exodus 24:1-11

3. Our response: trust and obey

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhvXOIVsRv4>

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

A prayer for God's blessing – The Grace (from 2 Corinthians 13)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.