

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 20th September 2020

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

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

"Where is God?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sqrt-xWXJA&t=18s>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scriptural call to worship – Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ "...We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Song: O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxC16duiHvQ>

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

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 using the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Together:

That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 26

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and sermon: Matthew 26:30-46

- 1. The disciples want to obey, but cannot.**
- 2. Jesus doesn't want to die, but his obedience is perfect.**

Hymn: I will glory in my Redeemer – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR4wRqL0Cn0>

1. I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Saviour before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

2. I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

3. I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

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

²⁰ "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, ²¹ 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."