

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 10th January 2021

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing a hymn and a children's song

"All creatures of our God and king" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE>

Do you have a spirit as well as a body? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihvhq1HCsAg>

At 10.45am: Welcome

Scriptural call to worship – Hebrews 4:16

*"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."*

New Year Prayer:

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,

And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;

Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,

And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above,

Crown Him the King to Whom is given the wondrous name of Love.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

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.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 37:1-20

Prayers of intercession

Song: By faith we see the hand of God

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Bible reading and sermon – Genesis 36

Watch our for Esau - you'll meet him one day!

about God's enemies (see Numbers 20:14-21)

about our hearts (see Hebrews 12:15-17 and Deuteronomy 29:18-29)

Hebrews 12:15-17, "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears."

Deuteronomy 29:18-19, "Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, ¹⁹ one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike."

Marriage Matters

Greed Grabs

Song: O great God of highest heaven

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Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

2. I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me.

Final prayer and blessing

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