

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 31st January 2021

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGAArtkovZQ>

What was Adam's part in the covenant? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNG0-NhBZF0&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=2>

Welcome and call to worship

Hebrews 13:5-6, "...for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Song: In Christ alone

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!

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 39

Prayers of intercession

Declaring our faith with the Nicene Creed

This is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. Here we declare our commitment to this summary of “catholic” (or “universal”) doctrine.

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things, visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary, and was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song: The Lord's my shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy.
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

Bible reading and sermon – Genesis 39

Hymn: We rest on thee

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

2. Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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3. We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.”
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.”

4. We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendour,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.
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Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.

Final prayer and blessing

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