

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 9 May 2021

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

"What is this change of heart called?" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNw4_4W6JQ&list=PLM1Wl55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=15

"In Christ Alone" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrKL2ZutWOI>

Welcome and call to worship – Psalm 103:8-13

*"The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
o the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."*

Song: O, the deep deep love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus

vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
to my glorious rest above.

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore.
How he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, never more.
How He watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heaven of heavens to me,
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

Congregational Bible Reading, confession of sins and assurance of forgiveness

Psalm 51

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: 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.

From the Heidelberg catechism

Song: What can wash away my sin?

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and sermon – Matthew 6:12

Song: A debtor to mercy alone

A debtor to mercy alone,
of covenant mercy I sing;
I come with your righteousness on,
my humble offering to bring.
The judgements of your holy law,
with me can have nothing to do,
My Saviour's obedience and blood
hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which your goodness began,
the arm of your strength will complete.
Your promise is yes and amen,
and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now,
no power below or above,
can make you your purpose forego,
or sever my soul from your love.

My name from the palms of your hands,
eternity will not erase.
Impressed on your heart it remains
in marks of indelible grace.
Yes I, to the end, will endure,
until I bow down at your throne.
Forever and always secure,
a debtor to mercy, alone.

Final prayer and blessing

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