

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 13 June 2021

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

"What is grace?" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zb3PIf26M0k&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=19>

"To God be the glory" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8jKsUA4xdg>

Welcome and call to worship – Psalm 11:4-5

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

Hymn: Immortal, invisible

Immortal, invisible God only wise

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes

Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days

Almighty victorious Your great name we praise

2. Unresting unhasting and silent as light

Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might

Your justice like mountains high soaring above

Your clouds which are fountains of goodness & love

3. All life comes from You Lord to both great & small

In all life you live Lord the true life of all

We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail

We wither and perish but You never fail

4. Great Father of Glory pure Father of Light

Your angels adore You all veiling their sight

All praise we will render oh Father of Grace

Till one day in splendour we see face to face

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.

Confessing our faith with words from the Heidelberg Catechism:

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless – without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is to accept this gift of God
with a believing heart.**

Congregational Bible reading: Psalm 119:9-16

Prayers of intercession

Song: There is a higher throne

**There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace, salvation comes.**

*Hear heaven's voices sing, their thunderous anthem rings;
through emerald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honour are
to God our King who reigns on high forever more.*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
we'll honour him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King, we'll reign with him.

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Bible reading and sermon – Leviticus 1:1-17

The ASCENSION offering...

1. You present a perfect sacrifice

2. The animal is a substitute for you

3. To draw near to God there must be a death

4. You are fully accepted by God

“atonement”

“burnt offering” = “a thing that rises up” = “ascension”

5. All because of Jesus (Hebrews chapters 10 & 12)

Song: Who can stand before the Lord?

**Who can stand before the Lord in his holy place,
who can walk upon the hill of the Lord?
Only he whose hands are clean,
only he whose heart is pure
can stand before the Lord.**

*I will stand, I will come
before the presence of the King:
for his blood washes me from sin,
I enter in.*

There is one who stands for me in the holy place,
and he walked the lonely hill to the cross.
And I know his hands are clean,
and I know his heart is pure,
he is Jesus Christ the Lamb.

Final prayer and blessing

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