

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 5th September 2021

Welcome and call to worship

*"Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord." (Psalm 33:1, 4-5)*

Song: Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King—nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Congregational Bible reading: Psalm 60

Prayers of intercession

Song: Your love will last forever

*Your love will last forever, it's like a mighty river
That flows and flows forever, never stopping
Your awesome love protects me
When I sin Your love corrects me
You're faithful to direct me always to Your love*

And when I think of all You've done
There's no love greater than this
You freely gave Your precious Son
To die for all my sins

*Your love will last forever, it's like a mighty river
That flows and flows forever, never stopping
Your awesome love protects me
When I sin Your love corrects me
You're faithful to direct me always to Your love*

And when I choose to disobey
You lead me back to Your truth
You show the fullness of Your love
By making me like You

Song: Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Un-numbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word -
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same -
his holy name: the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Bible reading and sermon – Haggai 1:1-15

‘Get on with the job’

Time line of the Background to Haggai

1. 400 BC Moses writes Deuteronomy
2. 586 BC Exile Babylon invades Jerusalem and sends Jews into
3. 538 BC From exile Cyrus/ Persians conquer Babylon and Jews return
4. 536 BC Foundations of the new Temple completed
5. 520 BC The Word of the Lord comes to the prophet Haggai

1. God speaks to His people through His prophet, Priest and King (v1)

2. God rebukes His people’s priorities (v2-11)

3. God blesses His people’s response (v12-15)

The Lord’s Supper

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Song: Grace and peace

Grace and peace, oh how can this be

For lawbreakers and thieves
For the worthless the least
You have said that our judgment is death
For all eternity
Without hope without rest

*Oh what an amazing mystery
What an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me*

2. Grace and peace, oh how can this be
The matchless King of all
Paid the blood price for me
Slaughtered Lamb
what atonement You bring
The vilest sinner's heart
Can be cleansed can be free

3. Grace and peace, oh how can this be
Let songs of gratefulness
Ever rise never cease
Loved by God and called as a saint
My heart is satisfied
In the riches of Christ

*Oh what an amazing love I see
What an amazing love I see
That Your grace has come to me
Oh what an amazing love I see
What an amazing love I see
That Your grace has come to me*

Song: Go forth and tell

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will respond in grace to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! Men still in darkness lie;
in wealth or want, in sin they live and die:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

Final prayer and blessing

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