

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 27th September 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing two songs

"Jesus is Lord": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIJFpxOcGKk>

"Can you see God?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YANtDNdXvx8>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scriptural call to worship – Colossians 1:16-17

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Song: Praise to the Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGAArtkovZQ>

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear;
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen;
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew,
what the almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

4. Praise to the Lord -
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from his people again -
gladly with praise we adore him.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. Amen.

Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and prays that God would grant us assurance of the salvation that has been given freely to us.

Declaring our Christian faith using the Apostles' Creed

Together:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 27

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and sermon: Matthew 26:30-46

1. Jesus is in charge: the battle of swords (v47-56)
2. Jesus is in charge: the battle of words (v57-68)
3. Jesus is in charge: denial and hope (v69-75)

Hymn: Rock of ages – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM7gt_cSxjw

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure
cleanse me from its guilt & power.

2. Not the labour of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress,
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

Closing encouragement – Romans 8:31-32

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"