

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 11th July 2021

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

"You chose the cross" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoRZa2bjpO0>

"Here is love" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX6u6ULIdmk>

Welcome and call to worship

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)*

Song: Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace*

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

Song: Worthy, you are worthy

Worthy, You are worthy

Much more worthy than I know
I cannot imagine
Just how glorious You are
And I cannot begin to tell
How deep a love You bring
O Lord my ears have heard of You
But now my eyes have seen

*You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised
Forever and a day*

Glory, I give glory
To the One who saved my soul
You found me and You freed me
From the shame that was my own
And I cannot begin to tell
How merciful You've been
O Lord, my ears had heard of You
But now my eyes have seen

*Your glory, your glory, Your glory,
your glory reaches high,
So high above the heavens.*

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Congregational Bible reading: Psalm 119:41-48

Prayers of intercession

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.

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

Bible reading and sermon – Leviticus 4:1 – 5:13

The purification offering

1. Sin makes God's house dirty

Lev. 15:31, ““Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.””

2. It matters who the sinner is

E.g. James 3:1, “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

3. All sin stains us

Even “unintentional” sin / sins of wandering

E.g. Luke 23:34

4. Only Jesus can make us clean

Blood... that cleans—Lev. 14:25, 16:19

Hebrews 9:22, 10:19-22, 13:10-13

Song: Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner condemned, unclean!

How marvellous! how wonderful!
this my song shall ever be:
how marvellous! how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!

2. For me he prayed in the garden
and bowed to the will divine;
he had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvellous...

3. He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own,
he bore the burden to Calvary
and suffered and died alone.

How marvellous...

4. When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
my joy will be through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

How marvellous...

Final prayer and blessing

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