

## Lord's Day worship: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

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

"Be thou my vision" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clqdCXxqYvI>

"What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOMVywMvxYU>

**At 10.45am: Welcome**

**Scriptural call to worship – Philippians 1:6**

*"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

**Song: Should nothing of our efforts stand**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!...*

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!...*

**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.**

## Declaring our faith using the Apostles' Creed

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 27:1-14

### Prayers of intercession

### Song: When I fear my faith will fail

1. When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

2. Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

3. For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

## **Bible reading and sermon – Hebrews 12:3-17**

### **(1) Discipline through love... for our good**

### **(2) He is training us for holiness**

#### **Song: What gift of God is Jesus my Redeemer**

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
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#### **Final prayer and blessing**

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