

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 17th January 2021

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

"Love divine, all loves excelling" –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udfvTSSZSg&list=PLSkYeXnWwUAut949v01UZPCUYOmQjtevF&index=1>

"What were Adam and Eve like when God made them?" –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4702Uu0gho>

At 10.45am: Welcome

Scriptural call to worship – Revelation 1:4-6

"Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

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

Summary of God's law – Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 3:23

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: the first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

"There is no distinction – all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

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.**

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 37:21-40

Prayers of intercession

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.

Song: Not to us, but to Your name alone

*Not to us, but to Your name alone
Be all the glory, the glory, forever
For Your faithfulness and steadfast love
Receive the glory, the glory belongs to You*

All that we've accomplished You have done for us
And any fruit we harvest is a gift from Your hand
We are only jars of clay that hold a priceless treasure
And we exist to bring You pleasure, O God

*Not to us, but to Your name alone
Be all the glory, the glory, forever
For Your faithfulness and steadfast love
Receive the glory, the glory belongs to You*

Only by Your mercy can we come to You
Though we deserved Your judgment You have called us by name
So we glory in the cross of Christ that made us Yours forever
That joined our lives together to sing

Bible reading and sermon – Genesis 37

Hymn: Lord of the church

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our soul's reviving
in Christ to live and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended
one church triumphant one new song shall sing.
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Final prayer and blessing

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