

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 14th February 2021

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

"Jesus strong and kind" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac

"How did God punish Adam's disobedience" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EORMo3dugxQ&list=PLM1Wl55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=4>

Welcome and call to worship

*Psalm 136:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever."*

Hymn: Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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 41

Prayers of intercession

Declaring our faith: the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles Creed is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. We declare our commitment to this summary of "catholic" (or "universal") doctrine.

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: I once was lost in darkest night

1. I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Bible reading and sermon – Genesis chapters 42 and 43

1. God sovereignly rules over sin and circumstances

2. God sovereignly reveals our hearts

3. God sovereignly rescues his people

Song: Now why this fear and unbelief?

1. Now why this fear and unbelief?
Has not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for us?
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Now cancelled at the cross?

*Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood
Jesus, You've rescued us
Through Your great love*

2. Complete atonement You have made
And by Your death have fully paid
The debt Your people owed
No wrath remains for us to face
We're sheltered by Your saving grace
And sprinkled with Your blood

*Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood
Jesus, You've rescued us
Through Your great love*

*How sweet the sound of saving grace
How sweet the sound of saving grace
Christ died for me*

3. Be still my soul and know this peace
The merits of your great high priest
Have bought your liberty
Rely then on His precious blood
Don't fear your banishment from God
Since Jesus sets you free

*Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood
Jesus, You've rescued us
Through Your great love*

*How sweet the sound of saving grace
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Final prayer and blessing