

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 25 April 2021

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

"How sinful are you by nature?" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jslacNWe-wM&list=PLM1Wl55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=13>

"My soul finds rest" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiyMqtUtm6A>

Welcome and call to worship

Psalm 92:1-2 *"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.*

Romans 8:15 *"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

Song: Born by the Holy Spirit's breath

Born by the Holy Spirit's breath,
loosed from the law of sin and death,
now cleared in Christ from every claim
no judgement stands against our name.

2. In us the Spirit makes his home
that we in him may overcome;
Christ's risen life, in all its powers,
its all-prevailing strength, is ours.

3. Sons, then, and heirs of God most high,
we by his Spirit 'Father' cry;
that Spirit with our spirit shares
to frame and breathe our wordless prayers.

4. One is his love, his purpose one:
to form the likeness of his Son
in all who, called and justified,
shall reign in glory at his side.

5. Nor death nor life, nor powers unseen,
nor height nor depth can come between;
we know through peril, pain and sword,
the love of God in Christ our Lord.

Confession of sins and assurance of forgiveness

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Congregational Bible Reading – Psalm 49

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: Jesus, God's righteousness revealed

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed,
the Son of Man, the Son of God—
his kingdom comes;
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice,
now glorified, now justified—
his kingdom comes.

*And this kingdom will know no end,
and its glory shall know no bounds,
for the majesty and power
of this kingdom's king has come;
and this kingdom's reign,
and this kingdom's rule,
and this kingdom's power and authority
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.*

Jesus, the expression of God's love,
the grace of God,
the word of God revealed to us;
Jesus, God's holiness displayed,
now glorified, now justified
—his kingdom comes.

Bible reading and sermon – Matthew 6:5-15

Song: Not to us

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

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

Final prayer and blessing