

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 19 April 2020

Before we join together: two hymns to sing – to help us prepare

- (1) "Jesus said that if I thirst" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac
- (2) "All creatures of our God and king" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scripture, call to worship, and prayer for God's presence and blessing

This Sunday we begin by hearing the Lord's Word in 1 Peter 1:3-9

We read together:

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust' (Psalm 91:1-2)

We pray together:

Almighty God,
to whom our hearts are open,
our desires are known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Law, confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

We listen to a summary of God's Law from Mark 12:29-31

Together we pray from Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment. Amen.

Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and asks for the Lord to help us know deeply the joy of forgiveness.

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) church family needs; (ii) the unity & growth of our church; (iii) gospel growth.

Declaring our faith: 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 90

- Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have
afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Sermon – Psalm 90

A prayer for God's blessing – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen"

Singing in response to God's Word

"Praise my soul the king of heaven": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xra6ofilXz0>