

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 31st May 2020

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

(1) "Be thou my vision

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

(2) "Just the way God wanted us to be"

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aheyndtH-KE&list=PLYdnaVTk3ydFa9Loflp6q0z4oNOrNZSEm&index=3>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

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

We read together (from Psalm 105:1-4):

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

We pray together (from Psalm 25:1-2,4-5):

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.
O our God, in you we trust; let us not be put to shame.
Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all the day long. Amen.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Together we confess our sins (from Psalm 130):

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.

Declaring our faith together: the Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things, visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 12

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) Christian perseverance in suffering; (ii) for the lost to turn to Jesus before it is too late; (iii) for Christians in the workplace.

Bible reading and Sermon – Matthew 22:15-46

Singing in response to God’s Word

“In Christ alone” – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

A prayer for God’s blessing – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
Amen.