

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 16th August 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing two songs

"All creatures of our God and King": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE>

"Has God ever had a beginning?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82C3DbQeBIQ>

At 10.45am: Welcome

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

"Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"." (Revelation 1:7-8)

Together:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: When I survey - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlAszpv7PLA>

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. | 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. |

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Timothy 1:15)

Together:

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| Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. | O Lord have mercy on us pitiful sinners. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who truly repent, as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life, to the praise of your holy name. Amen. |
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Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and prays that God would grant us assurance of the salvation that has been given freely to us.

Declaring our Christian faith together: from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader:

What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

Together:

In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head
and eagerly await as judge from heaven
the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake,
and has removed all the curse from me.

He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation,
but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 22:1-21

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and Sermon: Malachi 2:17-3:5

Hymn: Day of judgement, day of wonders – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MynNOUqFQzE>

Day of judgment! Day of wonders!
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
louder than a thousand thunders,
shakes the vast creation round.
How the summons
will the sinner's heart confound!

2. See the Judge, our nature wearing,
clothed in majesty divine;
you who long for his appearing
then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour,
own me in that day as thine.

3. At his call the dead awaken,
rise to life from earth and sea;
all the pow'rs of nature, shaken
by his looks, prepare to flee.
Careless sinner,
what will then become of thee?

4. But to those who have confessed,
loved and served the Lord below,
he will say, "Come near, ye blessed,
see the kingdom I bestow;
you forever
shall my love and glory know."