

## **Lord's Day worship: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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

Come thou fount of every blessing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YobLOgMBhKE>

What is a covenant? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zmcxGHjoDA>

**At 10.45am: Welcome**

**Welcome and call to worship**

*Ephesians 2:4, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved..."*

*Psalm 105:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"*

**Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story**

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How He left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.  
Yes I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with His saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
But His presence still is with me,  
By His guiding hand I'm led.

3. Hallelujah! Bread of heaven!  
You on earth our food, our stay;  
Hallelujah! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet:  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with His saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

**Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness**

**Confession: congregational Bible reading – Psalm 38**

*We will use today's Psalm reading as our prayer of confession*

## Declaring our faith (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

**Because of the justice and truth of God,  
satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way  
than by the death of the Son of God.**

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he could make us share in the righteousness  
which he had obtained for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

## Prayers of intercession

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Song: God moves in a mysterious way

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill;  
He treasures up his bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.*

3. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence,  
He hides a smiling face.

4. His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.*

5. Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.*

## **Bible reading and sermon – Genesis 38**

### **Song: Who can stand before the Lord**

Who can stand before the Lord in his holy place,  
who can walk upon the hill of the Lord?  
Only he whose hands are clean,  
only he whose heart is pure  
can stand before the Lord.

*I will stand, I will come  
before the presence of the King:  
for his blood washes me from sin,  
I enter in.*

There is one who stands for me in the holy place,  
and he walked the lonely hill to the cross.  
And I know his hands are clean,  
and I know his heart is pure,  
he is Jesus Christ the Lamb.

### **Final prayer and blessing**

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