

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 20 June 2021

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

"What work did Christ do to save you?" -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuM4K_R0Q4I&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=20

"All heaven declares" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dk45R0hVVck>

Welcome and call to worship – Ephesians 5:1-2

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Songs: Give thanks to the Lord & King of Kings

Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King
His love endures forever.
For he is good,
he is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand,
and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

*Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God,
we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise
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*Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
forever, forever.*

King of Kings, Majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour,
closest friend,
strong deliverer,
beginning and end.
All within me falls at your throne.

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all, before you now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve
I live to serve your Majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true.
Who bought the nations,
ransomed souls,
brought this sinner
near to your throne.
All within me cries out in praise.

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all, before you now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve
I live to serve your Majesty.*

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

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.

Congregational Bible reading: Psalm 119:17-24

Prayers of intercession

Song: I will offer up my life

I will offer up my life
in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give
my every part:
Lord receive the sacrifice
of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of Your name
for the things you have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath,
for You've paid the great cost -
giving up your life to death
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in.

Bible reading and sermon – Leviticus 2 – the tribute or “bring-a-gift” offering

Introduction: Giving gifts...

1. Where did it happen?

2. How did it work?

3. What about us now?

Romans 12:1-2, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

1 Cor 9:13-14, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.”

Philippians 4:18, “I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:15-16, “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Westminster Confession 16.6, “... the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in Him; not as though they were in this life wholly unblamable and unproveable in God’s sight; but that He, looking upon them in His Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections”

Song: May the mind of Christ my Saviour

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Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say.

2. May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power.

3. May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

4. May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

Final prayer and blessing

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