

## Lord's Day worship: Sunday 11th July 2021

### Before we join together: a hymn and a song to sing – to help us prepare

"You chose the cross" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoRZa2bjpO0>

"Here is love" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX6u6ULIdmk>

### Welcome and call to worship

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)*

### Song: Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace*

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

## **Song: Worthy, you are worthy**

### **Worthy, You are worthy**

Much more worthy than I know  
I cannot imagine  
Just how glorious You are  
And I cannot begin to tell  
How deep a love You bring  
O Lord my ears have heard of You  
But now my eyes have seen

*You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,  
You're worthy to be praised  
Forever and a day*

Glory, I give glory  
To the One who saved my soul  
You found me and You freed me  
From the shame that was my own  
And I cannot begin to tell  
How merciful You've been  
O Lord, my ears had heard of You  
But now my eyes have seen

*Your glory, your glory, Your glory,  
your glory reaches high,  
So high above the heavens.*

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,  
in thought and word and deed,  
in the evil we have done  
and in the good we have not done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## **Congregational Bible reading: Psalm 119:41-48**

## **Prayers of intercession**

## 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.

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

## Bible reading and sermon – Leviticus 4:1 – 5:13

### The purification offering

#### 1. Sin makes God's house dirty

Lev. 15:31, ““Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.””

#### 2. It matters who the sinner is

E.g. James 3:1, “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

#### 3. All sin stains us

Even “unintentional” sin / sins of wandering

E.g. Luke 23:34

#### 4. Only Jesus can make us clean

Blood... that cleans—Lev. 14:25, 16:19

Hebrews 9:22, 10:19-22, 13:10-13

## **Song: Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away**

**I stand amazed in the presence**  
of Jesus the Nazarene  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner condemned, unclean!

*How marvellous! how wonderful!*  
*this my song shall ever be:*  
*how marvellous! how wonderful*  
*is my Saviour's love for me!*

2. For me he prayed in the garden  
and bowed to the will divine;  
he had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvellous...*

3. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own,  
he bore the burden to Calvary  
and suffered and died alone.

*How marvellous...*

4. When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
my joy will be through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

*How marvellous...*

## **Final prayer and blessing**

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