

Sunday Worship: 15th November 2020

Welcome: Rev Amy Stott

Hymn: Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide Me O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through
Strong deliver, Strong deliver
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee.

(William Williams 1717-1791)

Opening prayer:

Lord we pray that we may be found ready at your coming: may we heed your call and do your will. Guide your church that it may show forth your light and love through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Confession

we pray together:

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be, that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Hymn: Light of the world

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above;
Humbly you came to this Earth you created
all for love's sake became poor.

Chorus
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross

(Tim Hughes, 2000, Thank You Music!)

First reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+thessalonians+5%3A1-11&version=ESV>

Hymn: Lord I come to You

Lord I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away, by the power of your love.

Chorus: Hold me close, let your love surround me,
bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle
and I will soar with you, your Spirit leads me on
in the power of your love.

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life
in living every day, in the power of your love

Chorus.

(Geoff Bullock c. 1992 Word/ Maranatha! Music)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+25%3A14-30&version=ESV>

Sermon

Hymn: Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations.

Chorus: Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

v2. Take me as you find me, all my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Now I surrender.

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing, for the glory of the risen King
Chorus

(Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan c. 2006 Hillsong Music Publishing)

Intercessions

Peace

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Hymn: Before the Throne of God above

Before the Throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and My God
With Christ my Saviour and My God

(Charitie L de Chenez/ Vikki Cook c. 1993 PDI Worship)

As we prepare for communion we would normally bring our offerings to God. You are still able to tithe via online bank transfer to the church account 'St Luke's Parochial Church Council' Sort Code: 090153 Account No: 00241909.

Alternatively if you have been setting money aside in your envelopes do let Rev Amy know and she can collect them for you or have you bring them to church.

Communion:

The lord is here.
His spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

... We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

to the bidding This is his story, the response is:
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit-
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever, Amen.

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On Earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer
you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us
out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Closing Prayer

**Eternal God, beginning and end,
go with us in this week's journey,
Shine in our darkness,**

**open our eyes to all you are doing around us today.
Take us and use us, to bring to others, the new life you
give us in Christ Jesus.**

Blessing

Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
Tw'as grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
his word my hope secures
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

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 first begun.

(John Newton, 1725-1807)

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