

Sunday Worship: 17th January 2021

Welcome: Rev Amy Stott

Hymn: Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven!
To thy feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever
slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father like he tends and spares us
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face
sun and moon bow down before him
dwellers all in time and space
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!
(Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847)

Opening prayer:

Lord as you called the disciples, open our ears to your calling, open our eyes to your presence, open our hearts to your love, that we may hear you, and love you, and serve you today and always, through Jesus Christ, the lamb of God, 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: I'm accepted, I'm forgiven.

I'm accepted, I'm forgiven,
I am fathered by the true and living God
I'm accepted, no condemnation
I am loved by the true and living God

There's no guilt or fear as I draw near
To the saviour and creator of the world
There is joy and peace
as I release my worship to you O God.

(Rob Hayward c. 1985 Thankyou Music)

First reading: Genesis 39

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+39&version=ESV>

Hymn: Water you turned into wine

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you, none like you.
Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God.

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? (x2)

Chorus

(Chris Tomlin, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves c.2010 Thank You Music)

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:42-50

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+9%3A42-50&version=GNT>

Sermon

Hymn: Purify my heart

Purify my heart let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you my master,
ready to do your will.

v2: Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

(Brian Doerksen c. 1990 Mercy/ Vineyard Publishing)

Intercessions

Peace

Hymn: All I Once Held Dear

All I once held dear, built my life upon
all this world reveres and wars to own
all I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus: Knowing you Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness and I love you Lord.

2. Now my heart's desire is to know you more
to be found in You and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus: Knowing you Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness and I love you Lord.

v3. Oh to know the power of your risen life
And to know you in your sufferings
To become like you in your death O Lord
so with you to live and never die.

Chorus.

(Graham Kendrick c. 1993 Make Way Music)

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: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song
praising my Saviour all the day long!
This is my story, this is my song
praising my Saviour all the day long!

v2: Perfect submission, perfect delight
visions of rapture burst on my sight
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Chorus

v3: Perfect submission, all is rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest
watching and waiting looking above
filled with his goodness, lost in his love

Chorus

(Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.