

Sunday Worship: 25th October 2020

Welcome: Rev Amy Stott

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

2. Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
thou my great Father and I thy true heir
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care

3. Be thou my breastplate my sword for the fight
be thou my armour and be thou my might
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower
raise thou me heavenward O Power of my power

4. Riches I need not nor all the world's praise
thou mine inheritance through all my days
thou and thou only the first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of Heaven when battle is done
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heavens Sun
Christ of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all!

(Irish 8th century trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935))

Opening prayer:

Father we give you thanks and praise for all who have had the courage to speak out boldly for the gospel. We thank you for those who have stood for justice and freedom. May we join with them in serving you 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: I am a new creation

I am a new creation, no more in condemnation
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing, my love just keeps on growing
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you Lord, yes I will praise you Lord
and I will sing of all that you have done
A joy that knows no limit, a lightness in my spirit
Here in the grace of God I stand.

(Dave Bilbrough c. 1983 Thank you Music)

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First reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+thessalonians+2%3A1-12&version=GNT>

Hymn: Faithful One

Faithful One, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all, I depend on you
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone.

(Brian Doerksen c. 1989 Mercy/ Vineyard Publishing)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+22%3A34-40&version=ESV>

Sermon

Hymn: My Jesus My Saviour

My Jesus, My Saviour, Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

(Darlene Zschech c. 1993 Hillsong Publishing/ Kingsway Music)

Intercessions

Peace

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal to minister his grace
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.

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: I Stand Amazed

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

Chorus: How marvellous! How wonderful
and my song shall ever be
How marvellous! How wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me.

v2: For me it was in the garden he prayed
not my will but thine!
He had no tears for his own griefs
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

Chorus

v3: He took my sins and my sorrows
he made them his very own

He bore the burden of Calvary
and suffered and died alone

Chorus

v4: When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see
t'will be my joy through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

Chorus

(Charles H Gabriel (1856-1932) Rodeheaver Co./ Word Music)

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