

**Sunday Worship: 28th February 2021**

**Welcome: Rev Amy Stott**  
**Hymn: How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and see the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus.

4, When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God how great Thou art'  
(Stuart K Hine c. 1953, Kingsway Music))

**Opening prayer:**

Lord God help us to place our trust in you today. Remind us of your promises towards us and give us faith to put our hope in you. Lead us to turn away from distractions and temptation and make us worthy of our calling this Lent and always,  
Amen.

**Confession**

we pray together:

Most merciful God, please forgive us when we have said "Yes" to sin; when we have failed to love you, chosen to ignore you and done what we have wanted to do. Please forgive us when we have put ourselves first, lived selfishly and not cared about other people. Please forgive us Lord we want to change, and we need your help.

Thank you that you chose the path of love and died on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven. Thank you Lord. Help us to follow you and walk the path of the cross, saying "no" to sin. Help us Lord to love you with all of our hearts, and to love others as we love ourselves. Help us Lord.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Hymn: Bless the Lord O my Soul (10,000 Reasons)**

Bless the Lord O my Soul, O my Soul  
worship his Holy name  
Sing like never before O my Soul,  
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing, when the evening comes

Chorus.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
10,000 years and then forevermore.

Chorus

(Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman c. 2012 A Thousand generations Publishing)

**First reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+15%3A1-6&version=NKJV>

**Second reading: Genesis 21:1-7.**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+21%3A1-7&version=NIVUK>

**Hymn: Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy veil  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless I stand before the throne.

Chorus

(Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury c.  
2012 Hillsong Music Publishing)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-34**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+6%3A25-34&version=ESV>

**Sermon**

**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)

**Intercessions**  
**Peace**

**Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd**

v1: The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want  
he makes me lie in pastures green,  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus: And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone  
For your endless mercy follows me  
your goodness will lead me home.

v2. He guides my ways in righteousness  
and he anoints my head with oil  
and my cup- it overflows with joy  
I feast on his pure delights

Chorus

v3. And thou I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

(Stuart Townend c. 1996 Kingsway's Thank You 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**

**Lord God you are what we need. In this season of Lent  
nourish our faith, increase our hope, strengthen our love,  
teach us to always hunger for you as you are the true and  
living bread; enable us to live by every word that proceeds  
from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **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)

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