

## Sunday Worship: 2nd May 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:**

God of love, may we abide in your presence and so abide in your love, as we freely receive your love, let us freely share with others all that you have given to us through Jesus 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: For I'm building a people of Power**

For I'm building a people of power  
and I'm making a people of praise  
that will move through this land by my Spirit  
and will glorify my precious name.

Build your church Lord, make us strong Lord  
join our hearts Lord through your Son.  
Make us one Lord, in your body,  
in the kingdom of your Son.

(Dave Richards c. 1977 Thank you Music)

### **First reading: Acts 8:26-40**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+8%3A26-40&version=NLT>

### **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: John 15:1-8**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+15%3A1-8&version=ESV>

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn: The Splendour of the King**

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hid  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

v2: And age to age he stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God x2  
Chorus

(Chris Tomlin, Jesses Reeves, Ed Cash c.2004 Alletrop Music (BMI))

### **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.

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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.

(David J Evans c. 1986 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**

**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.**

**Hymn: When Peace Like a River Attendeth my Way**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say,  
'It is well, it is well with my Soul'

Chorus: It is well (it is well), with my soul; (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Chorus

3. My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,  
my sin, not i part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

4. O Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend  
even so it is well with my soul

Chorus

(Horatio Gates Spafford, 1873)

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