

Sunday Worship: 5th December 2021

Welcome

Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine one eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

(Charles Wesley 1707-1788)

Opening prayer:

Holy God we look for you and long for you. Let us see that
you come among us and give us your peace this day and
always we pray. Amen.

Advent Prayer:

Lord God you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to
know your peace when we are afraid or confused. Shine your
hope into our hearts we pray. Amen.

Confession:

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: Let your living water flow over my soul

Let your living water flow over my soul
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
Of every situation that has troubled my mind
All my cares and burdens unto you I roll.

Chorus: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Father, Father, Father,
Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

v2: Give your life to Jesus let him fill your soul
Let him take you in His arms and make you whole
As you give your life to Him, he'll set you free
You will live and reign with him eternally
Chorus

v3: Come now Holy Spirit and take control,
Hold me in your loving arms and make me whole
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride
Draw me close to your love and keep me by your side.

(John Watson c. 1986 Ampelos Music)

First reading: Malachi 3:1-4

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=malachi+3%3A1-4&version=GNT>

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: Luke 3:1-6

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

Sermon- James

Intercessions

Peace

Hymn: Peace is flowing like a river

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Chorus: Let it flow through me, let it flow through me,
let the mighty peace of God flow out through me (repeat)

Joy is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Chorus

Christ brings peace to all creation
flowing out through you and me
love, joy, hope and true salvation
setting all the captives free.

Chorus.

(Unknown c. 1999 Kevin Mayhew Ltd)

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. Amen.**

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 in 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.