



Sunday Service 24 January 2021



Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise

Isaiah 44v6-7

*'This is what the Lord says –
Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.*

*⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come –
yes, let them foretell what will come.*

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44v21-22

*'Remember these things, Jacob,
for you, Israel, are my servant.
I have made you, you are my servant;
Israel, I will not forget you.*

*²² I have swept away your offences like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.*

*Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.'*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Thanks and Praise.

Psalms 47

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Genesis 50v15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Words of belief (*stand*)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**means universal*

Collect, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Epiphany 3

Almighty and everlasting God, in mercy look upon our weakness and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of Creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant, all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light, scatters the terrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding!

5. Praise to the Lord— O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the 'Amen!' sound from his people again —
gladly we praise and adore him!

Blessing

1 Thessalonians 3v13

May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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