



Sunday Service 7 February 2021



Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise

Psalm 23v1-2

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

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

Hymn

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 son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armour and be thou my light;
Thou my soul's Shelter and Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
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 joys to me, bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Psalm 23v6

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 (*stand*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Acts 13v1-12

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

⁶They travelled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man,

sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰'You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.'

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

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

Sermon

Words of belief (stand)

A Catechism is a traditional way of teaching the historic truths of the Christian faith in a question & answer form to make it memorable
The New City Catechism is based upon historic, Reformation-era catechisms.
Our aim is to use a few of its 52 questions and answers once a month.

Question 6 reminded us that we glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Question 7 What does the law of god require?

Answer Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbour as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done. God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Question 8 What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honour your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Collect, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Epiphany 5

Heavenly Father, keep your household the church continually in your true religion so that we may lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace and always be defended by your mighty power, 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

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there a thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

Blessing

Acts 20v32

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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