



# Sunday Service 21 February 2021



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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### Responses and Prayer of Praise

*Acts 13v30-33*

*But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had travelled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. <sup>32</sup>We tell you the good news: what God promised our ancestors <sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.*

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

### 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!

## 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**

*Acts 13v47*

*<sup>47</sup>For this is what the Lord has commanded us:*

*“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”*

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 14v8-28*

*<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup>and called out, ‘Stand up on your feet!’ At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.*

*<sup>11</sup>When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, ‘The gods have come down to us in human form!’ <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.*

*<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup>‘Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup>Yet he has not left himself without testimony: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.’*

<sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

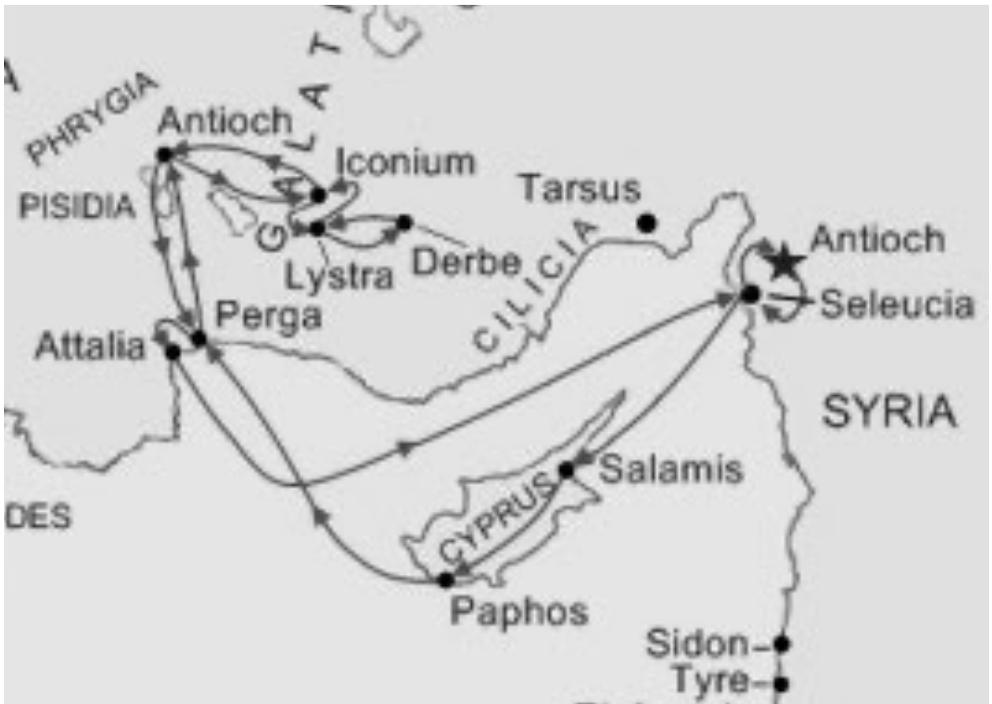
<sup>20</sup>But after the disciples had gathered round him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup>They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,' they said. <sup>23</sup>Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. <sup>24</sup>After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, <sup>25</sup>and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

<sup>26</sup>From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. <sup>27</sup>On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup>And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

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

*Ash Wednesday and Lent*

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: make in us new and contrite hearts so that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness 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

**And can it be that I should gain** An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

3. He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, [own.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my

**Blessing***Ephesians 3v17-19*

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,<sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God.*

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