



Sunday Service

7 March 2021



GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Responses and Prayer of Praise

Isaiah 12v4-6

⁴ In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

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

Hymn

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

3. And when I think that God—his Son not sparing —
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS

Confession

The Lent Collect, used as our Confession

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.

God's Promise of Forgiveness

Isaiah 12v1-3

"I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

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 15v22-41

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.*

Questions 7 and 8 introduced us to the 10 Commandments.

Question 9 What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

Answer **First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honouring also his Word and works.**

Question 10 What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

Answer **Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others , and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honour our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.**

Collect, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Lent 3

Almighty God, consider the heartfelt desires of your servants and stretch out the right hand of your majesty to defend us against all our enemies, 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

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
while heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious from the strife for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified!
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace, let praise fill every land;
from pole to pole let warfare cease: his kingdom is at hand!
For ever he shall reign, and earthly princes fall
before his throne, the Lamb once slain, the sovereign Lord of all.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, in majesty sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

Blessing

Psalms 33v20-22

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.²² May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

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