



Sunday Service

18 April 2021



Responses and Prayer of Praise

Joel 2v20-24

Surely he has done great things!

Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice.

Surely the Lord has done great things!

Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God,

for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

The threshing floors will be filled with grain;

the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

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

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

Joel 2v32

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved;

for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

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.**

Bible Reading

Acts 17v16-34

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

Sermon

Collect, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

2nd Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who gave your only Son for us to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, give us grace so that we may always receive with

thankfulness the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and try day by day to follow in the steps of his most holy life, 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.

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

Hebrews 13v20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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