

Sunday 25th October 2020 at 10.30

Welcome and announcements:

Jesus - the Name high over all,
in hell, or earth, or sky;
angels and men before it fall,
and devils fear and fly.

Jesus - the Name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners given;
it scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus - the prisoner's fetters breaks,
and bruises Satan's head;
power into strengthless souls it speaks,
and life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
the riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me
would all mankind embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim;
'tis all my business here below
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His name;
preach him to all, and cry in death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer

Children's Talk:

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, should die for me?

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 enquire no more.

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!

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.

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

Bible reading: 1 Peter Chapter 1 vs 13-16

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me in its
deepest pit, I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine
when I behold His face!

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied.

Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.

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Message: “Be prepared. Be hopeful. Be holy.”

O great God of highest heaven,
occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain
that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me,
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within,
had no taste for heaven’s joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life,
opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
that’s dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
glorify Your Name through me.

(repeat last 4 lines)

*based on Valley of Vision prayer ‘regeneration’ Bob Kauflin
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