

Sunday 3rd January 2021 at 10:30

Welcome & announcements:

Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.
*Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare!
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.
(repeat chorus)

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Prayer:

Children's talk:

The splendour of the King,

clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.
*How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.
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*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash
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Prayer & Bible readings:

Psalm 121 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your
coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Jude v17-25

- 17 But you must remember, beloved, the
predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus
Christ.
- 18 They said to you, "In the last time there will
be scoffers, following their own ungodly
passions."
- 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly
people, devoid of the Spirit.
- 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in
your most holy faith and praying in the Holy
Spirit,
- 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting
for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads
to eternal life.
- 22 And have mercy on those who doubt;
- 23 save others by snatching them out of the
fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even
the garment stained by the flesh.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from
stumbling and to present you blameless before
the presence of his glory with great joy,
25 to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus
Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and
authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

I saw a new vision of Jesus,

A view I'd not seen here before,
Beholding in glory so wondrous
With beauty I had to adore.
I stood on the shores of my weakness,
And gazed at the brink of such fear;
'Twas then that I saw Him in newness,
Regarding Him fair and so dear.

My Saviour will never forsake me,
Unveiling His merciful face,
His presence and promise almighty,
Redeeming His loved ones by grace.
In shades of the valley's dark terror,
Where hell and its horror hold sway,
My Jesus will reach out in power,
And save me by His only way.

For yonder a light shines eternal,
Which spreads through the valley of gloom;
Lord Jesus, resplendent and regal,
Drives fear far away from the tomb.
Our God is the end of the journey,
His pleasant and glorious domain;
For there are the children of mercy,
Who praise Him for Calvary's pain.

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Sermon:

The LORD: my Helper, my Keeper.

Standing at the portal

of the coming year,
words of comfort meet us,
hushing every fear;
spoken through the silence
by our Father's voice,
tender, strong and faithful,
making us rejoice.

*Onward then and fear not,
children of the day!
For His Word shall never,
never pass away.*

"I, the Lord, am with thee.
Do not be afraid!
I will keep and strengthen.
Do not be dismayed!
Yes, I will uphold thee,
with My own right hand;
thou art called and chosen
in My sight to stand."

For the year before us,
O what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
living streams shall rise;
for the sad and sinful
shall His grace abound;
for the faint and feeble
perfect strength be found.

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break;
resting on His promise
what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
for the coming year.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Close:

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