

Sunday, 2 January 2022

...I call on the Lord in my distress, and He answers me...

Psalm 120:1 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

## Morning Service

### Welcome and Notices

### Praise

#### **BEHOLD! the mountain of the Lord**

in latter days shall rise  
on mountain tops above the hills,  
and draw the wondering eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,  
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
up to the hill of God, they'll say.  
And to His house we'll go.

The beam that shines from Zion hill  
shall lighten every land;  
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers  
shall all the world command.

Among the nations He shall judge;  
His judgments truth shall guide;  
His sceptre shall protect the just,  
and quell the sinner's pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
disturb those peaceful years;  
to ploughshares men shall beat their swords,  
to pruning-hooks their spears.

Come then, O house of Jacob! Come  
to worship at His shrine;  
and, walking in the light of God,  
with holy beauties shine.

*Scottish Paraphrases, 1781.*

*From Isaiah 2:2-6.*

*Michael Bruce 1746-1767*

### Prayer

### Reading

#### **Psalm 120**

*A song of ascents.*

<sup>1</sup>I call on the LORD in my distress,  
and he answers me.

<sup>2</sup>Save me, LORD,  
from lying lips  
and from deceitful tongues.

<sup>3</sup>What will he do to you,  
and what more besides,  
you deceitful tongue?

<sup>4</sup>He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows,  
with burning coals of the broom bush.

<sup>5</sup>Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,  
that I live among the tents of Kedar!

<sup>6</sup>Too long have I lived  
among those who hate peace.

<sup>7</sup>I am for peace;  
but when I speak, they are for war.

## Children's Talk

### Praise

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,**  
and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

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### Prayer

#### Praise

**Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,**  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt Him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him;  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley Smith*  
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### Prayer

#### Message

The Upward Call Of God

## Prayer

### Praise

#### **By faith we see the hand of God;**

in the light of creation's grand design  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness;  
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
with the power of His promise in their hearts  
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:  
a place where peace and justice reign.  
*We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done;  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed for Messiah would appear  
with the power to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;  
to deliver captives and to preach good news,  
in every corner of the earth.  
*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon His name.  
*We will stand as children of the promise...*

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### **Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

## Evening Service

### Welcome and Notices

### Praise

**His large and great dominion shall**  
from sea to sea extend:  
it from the river shall reach forth  
unto earth's utmost end.

The king of Tarshish, and the isles,  
to Him shall presents bring;  
and unto Him shall offer gifts  
Sheba's and Seba's king.

Yea, all the mighty kings on earth  
before Him down shall fall;  
and all the nations of the world  
do service to Him shall.

His Name for ever shall endure;  
last like the sun it shall:  
men shall be blest in him, and blest  
all nations shall Him call.

Now blessed be the Lord our God,  
the God of Israel,  
for He alone doth wondrous works,  
in glory that excel.

And blessed be His glorious Name  
to all eternity:  
the whole earth let His glory fill.  
Amen, so let it be.

*From Psalm 72*

## Prayer

## Reading

### Isaiah 9:1-7

**9** Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

## Praise

## Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God:  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above,  
humbly You came to the earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God:  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

*Tim Hughes  
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## Prayer

## Message

Dispelling The Gloom!

## Prayer

## Praise

### **My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to Him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
and clothed me in His light,  
and wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fear to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take;  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above;  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all  
to love and follow Him.

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## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

## Calendar for January

**Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm

**Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

**Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Hall

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group at 7pm in the Hall

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Hall

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