

Sunday, 27 February 2022

..But the LORD is righteous: He has cut me free from the cords of the wicked ..

Psalm 129:4 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

## Morning Service

### Welcome and Notices

### Praise

**Through all the changing scenes of life,**  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt His name;  
when in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

Of His deliverance I will boast  
till all that are distressed  
take comfort from God's help to me  
and find in Him their rest.

The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance He provides for all  
who in His mercy trust.

O taste His goodness, prove His love!  
Experience will decide  
how blessed are they, and only they,  
who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
His service shall be your delight,  
your needs shall be His care.

*Nahum Tate 1652-1715, Nicholas Brady 1659-1726*

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### Prayer

### Reading

#### Psalm 129

*A song of ascents.*

- 1 "They have greatly oppressed me from my youth,"  
let Israel say;
- 2 "they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,  
but they have not gained the victory over me.
- 3 Plowmen have plowed my back  
and made their furrows long.
- 4 But the LORD is righteous;  
he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked."
- 5 May all who hate Zion  
be turned back in shame.
- 6 May they be like grass on the roof,

which withers before it can grow;  
7 a reaper cannot fill his hands with it,  
nor one who gathers fill his arms.  
8 May those who pass by not say to them,  
"The blessing of the LORD be on you;  
we bless you in the name of the LORD."

## Children's Talk

### Praise

**Come follow Jesus, He's 'The Champion',**  
we're on the winning side.  
He is our trainer, coach and captain,  
the Bible is our guide.  
He took our place because He loves us,  
He takes our sins away.  
Where He leads us we will follow,  
what He says, we will obey.

We want to live and work for Jesus,  
our Saviour and our King.  
We want to give our best to serve Him.  
To us He's everything.  
He died so we could be forgiven,  
by faith we've been made new.  
Oh, His love is so amazing,  
won't you come and follow Him too?

*Joan Crooks*

### Prayer

### Praise

**Hear the church triumphant singing,**  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
Highest heaven with praises ringing,  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
Thrones and powers before Him bending,  
fragrance sweet with voice ascending  
swell the chorus never-ending:  
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Every tongue and tribe and nation-  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
Join to sing the great salvation:  
Worthy the Lamb!"  
Loud as mighty thunders roaring,  
floods of mighty waters pouring,  
worship, at His feet adoring:  
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Harp and songs for ever sounding:  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
Sin destroyed by grace abounding-  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
By His blood He dearly bought us,  
when we strayed He came and sought us  
and to glory safely brought us;  
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Sing with glad anticipation  
"Worthy the Lamb!"  
through the vale of tribulation,

“Worthy the Lamb!”  
Sweetest music, all-excelling,  
on His love for ever dwelling,  
still untold, though ever telling:  
“Worthy the Lamb!”

*John Kent*  
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## Prayer

## Message

**The Path Of Life:** Battered, Not Beaten!

## Prayer

## Praise

**My soul finds rest in God alone,**  
my rock and my salvation,  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah;*  
*my delight and my reward:*  
*everlasting, never failing;*  
*my Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest my soul in God alone  
amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go  
don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah..*

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in Him completely.  
With every day pour out my soul  
and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death  
and I am His forever.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah..*

*Aaron Keys & Stuart Townend*

## 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

## **To God be the glory!**

Great things He has done;  
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*  
*Let the earth hear His voice!*  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*  
*Let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son*  
*and give Him the glory; great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God:  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!...*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see!  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!...*

*Frances J Van Alstyne 1820-1915*

## **Prayer**

### **Praise**

**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!*  
*In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,*  
*how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

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;  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

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:  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

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

*Stuart K Hine*  
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## **Interview with Pete Williams**

### **Praise**

**My soul finds rest in God alone;**  
on Him my help depends.

He is my fortress and my rock;  
salvation sure He sends.  
My foes conspire to bring me down;  
they scorn my troubled state:  
their lips are quick to sound my praise,  
but in their hearts they hate.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone;  
on Him my hope depends.  
He is my fortress and my rock;  
salvation sure He sends.  
My aid and honour come from God,  
my refuge strong and sure:  
let all God's servants trust the Lord;  
in Him we are secure.

The great of earth are less than dust;  
all mortal strength is vain;  
and fools alone rely on wealth  
or prize ill-gotten gain.  
I know, O God, that you are strong,  
a faithful, loving Lord;  
our every deed, both good and ill,  
You surely will reward.

*David D. Diephouse*  
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## Prayer

## Reading

### Luke 8:22-25

<sup>22</sup>One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup>As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

<sup>24</sup>The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup>"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

## Message

### Jesus Calms The Storm

## 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.

*Stuart Townend and Keith Getty*  
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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 March**

#### **Sundays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm (the time for the 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will have the Mark Drama has yet to be confirmed)

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

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

#### **Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: Young Group at 7pm in the Hall; Young Adults at 7.30pm (Bowling)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 7pm in the Church Hall

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>: Mark Drama (time tbc)

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