

3rd January 2021

Morning Worship Online and on the Big Screen in Church

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on:
Paul's First Mission Trip to Galatia (Acts 14:8-28)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,**
Our God and King:

His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

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 **COME LET US WORSHIP OUR KING**
Come let us bow at His feet

He has done great things
See what our Saviour has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

*O Hero of Heaven
You conquered the grave
You free every captive
And break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom
Awake and alive
O Jesus our Saviour
Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things*

You've been faithful
Through every storm
You'll be faithful for evermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things

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OPENING PRAYER

We have come together in the name of Christ, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

CONFESSION

Jesus says "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

So, let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.


**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.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

ACTION SONG

 **I REACH UP HIGH,**
*I touch the ground
I stomp my feet and I turn around,
I've got to praise the Lord.
I jump and dance
with all my might
I might look funny but that's alright,
I've got to praise the Lord.*

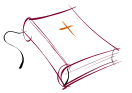
I'll do anything just for my God
'Cos He's done everything for me.
It doesn't matter who is looking on,
Jesus is the person that I want to please.
May my whole life be a song of praise.
To worship God in every way.
In this song the actions praise His name,
I want my actions every day
to do the same.

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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Acts 14: 8-28

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



SERMON by Rev Rob Powell

 **GOD I LOOK TO YOU**
I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You,
You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom,
You know just what to do

*I will love You, Lord, my strength
I will love You, Lord, my shield
I will love You, Lord, my rock forever
All my days I will love You, God*

*Hallelujah, our God reigns
Hallelujah, our God reigns
Hallelujah, our God reigns
Forever, all my days, Hallelujah*

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COVENANT PRAYERS

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.

In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples. This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISAL VOWS

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Eternal God,

in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own but yours.

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure;

when there is work for me

and when there is none;

when I am troubled

and when I am at peace.

Your will be done when I am valued

and when I am disregarded;

when I find fulfilment

and when it is lacking;

when I have all things,

and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you,

as and where you choose

Glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours.

May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen

NOTICES & BIRTHDAYS



WHAT GIFT OF GRACE IS JESUS MY REDEEMER

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine,
I can sing: All is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised
To overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
That He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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