



Morning Service

Sunday, 31st May 2020

We warmly welcome everyone to St Mary's this morning, whether you are a visitor or a regular member. Please take part in as much of the service as you feel comfortable with. The leader this morning is Clive Hawkins and Rob Phillips will be speaking on Acts 3:1-26, 'A Miracle and a Message'.

CONFESSION

O God,
in Your goodness have mercy on us,
wash us clean from our guilt and purify us from our sin.
We know our faults well,
and our sins hang heavy upon us.
Against You only have we sinned and done evil in Your sight;
so You are right to judge us,
You are justified in condemning us:
remove our sin, and we will be clean;
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow;
hide Your face from our sins, and wipe out all our guilt;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born
of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours
now and for ever. Amen.

1. FROM EVERLASTING, to everlasting
You are God. (repeat)

In holiness You stand secure
Through culture's shifting sands.
Unchanged by all the vanities of man
And as the nations rise and fall
Your sovereignty remains.
You are, You are,
You are the One True God
From everlasting

In faithfulness Your love extends
Through times of turbulence.
Adopting those who call upon Your name
And every generation joins
In songs of grateful praise.
You are, You are,
You are the One True God
From everlasting

Eternal, Immortal, Invisible God.
(men repeat with women echoing)

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2. O LORD, MY ROCK and my
Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are
conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
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conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
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3. SEE HIM IN JERUSALEM

Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

4. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things
He hath 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!
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
Give Him the glory, great things He hath
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.

Great things He hath taught us, great
things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we
see!

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New music by Nathan Fellingham

Notes

Acts 3:1-26, 'A Miracle and a Message'

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!"⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God,¹⁰ they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.²² For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.'²³ Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.'

²⁴ "Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days.²⁵ And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'²⁶ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

1. The future is real (because it's provable)
2. The future is not a surprise (because it's promised)
3. The future matters (because it provokes a response)