

Morning Worship - 24th May 2020

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Welcome

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is

when God's people live together in unity!

²It is like precious oil poured on the head,

running down on the beard,

running down on Aaron's beard,

down on the collar of his robe.

³It is as if the dew of Hermon

were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,

even life for evermore.

In Psalm 133, David is celebrating the unity of God's family. The togetherness of God's people sharing in worship together. It is as precious as that time or ordination of Aaron. There is nothing sweeter than the joy of God's family worshipping together in unity with the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer & Response

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Song - You are the Sovereign I Am

Invitation to Confession

Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

**Risen, ascended Lord,
As we rejoice at your triumph,
Fill your church on earth with power and compassion,
That all who are estranged by sin
May find forgiveness and know your peace
To the glory of God the Father
Amen**

New Testament Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel reading: John 17:20-26

At the end of the readings:

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - Brian Jones

Time for reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the originator of all families on earth

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song - My Jesus, My Saviour

Intercessions -

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.**

Notices

Song - Bless the Lord, O my soul

Blessing

**Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

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