

CHRISTCHURCH WOODLEY 20th June 2021 10:30

Service outline from Revd Dr John Sumitra

Hymn: StF 55 Immortal, invisible God only wise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df-WYr7sGlo>

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might —
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small ;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all ;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish ; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight ;
all praise we would render : O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.
- 5 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Lord's Prayer:

Adoration: Glory be to God in the highest, the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, the preserver of all things, the Father of mercies, who so loved mankind as to send his only begotten Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and misery, and to obtain for us everlasting life. Accept, o gracious God, our praise and thanksgiving for your infinite mercies towards us; and teach us to love you more and to serve you better; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Confession: We confess to you, O heavenly Father, as your children, our hardness, indifference, and impenitence; our grievous failures in pure and holy living; our trust in self, and misuse of your gifts; our lack of enthusiasm as your witnesses before the world; and the sin and bitterness that every man knows in his own heart. Give us, O Father, contrite heart and meekness of soul; grace to amend our sinful life; and the holy comfort of your Spirit to overcome and heal all our evils; through Jesus Christ our ord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Address to Children

Hymn: Junior Church Choice: Be bold, Be strong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJPcs-pCVzs>

Reading: Mark 4:35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Paul's Hardships

¹ As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.

⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Hymn: StF 328 Jesu shall reign https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcxdvJy_t_8

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run ;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head ;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song ;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns ;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains ;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who are in want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
its grateful honours to our King ;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Sermon: Hold on to the Anchors

Summary: 1. Mark 4: 35-41

- a) Jesus with His disciples sailing along the Sea of Galilee
- b) The Sea of Galilee and the nature of storms
- c) The disciples fear with anxiety and panic.
- d) Turns to Jesus and Jesus calms the Sea

2. Application: How are you facing storms in your life today?

There are 6 Scriptural 'Spiritual anchors' that hold us steady
(1 Corinthians: 10:13)

- a) Commonality
- b) 'Bearability' v13
- c) Supernatural options
- d) God's Power (Romans 8:28)
- e) God's Divine Support (2 Corinthians 12: 7-9)
- f) A Process with a purpose - 2 fold:
 - i) Our growth (James 1:2-4)
 - ii) God's Glory (John 9:3)

3. The purpose of bringing about what is good: Romans 8:28-29

3 truths:

- a) Go with what you know
- b) Pain is a process
- c) Pain is a process with a purpose

Challenge: How are you holding your storm spiritually today?

Hymn: StF 317 At the name of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6AHbO29lpg>

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| <p>1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.</p> <p>2 Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed :</p> <p>3 Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast ; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.</p> | <p>4 In your hearts enthrone him ; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true ; crown him as your captain in temptation's hour : let his will enfold you in its light and power.</p> <p>5 For this same Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train ; all the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.</p> |
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Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877)

Offertory Prayer

Intercessory Prayers:

- 1) pray for the World and world Leaders
- 2) pray for the Pandemic
- 3) pray for the church in the current restrictions
- 4) pray for our Church
- 5) pray for our Families
- 6) pray for personal needs

Hymn: StF 545 Be though my vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3jtklzbApA>

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art ;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord ;
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be ;
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight ;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might ;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower :
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise :
be thou mine inheritance now and always ;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart :
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won ;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century
translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931)
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860–1935) (*alt.*)

Benediction

May the love of the Lord Jesus draws us to himself; May the power of Lord Jesus strengthens us in His service;

May the joy of Lord Jesus fill our souls and May the blessing of God Almighty , the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us and abide with us always. Amen.