

SUNDAY 17th May 2020

Online Service

WELCOME – Piers Bickersteth

Confession

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.

Song

What love could remember no wrongs
we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not
their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or
shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is
more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is
more*

What patience would wait as we
constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us
home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest,
the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is
more

Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness he lavished
on us
His blood was the payment, His life
was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could
never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is
more

Praise the Lord...

God at Work – James Carpenter

1 Peter 1 :23-25a

²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Prayers

Genesis 4: 1-10

4 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, ‘With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.’ ² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ But Abel also brought an offering – fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favour on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.’

⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, ‘Let’s go out to the field.’ While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’

‘I don’t know,’ he replied. ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’

¹⁰ The LORD said, ‘What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.’

Hebrews 11: 4

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

Talk – *Andy Kearns*

Song

Behold the power of his word:
He spoke – creation came to be;
I will trust his promise.
He hung the stars – a guarantee:
His word is strong enough for me;
I will trust his promise.

*Generations rise, generations fall
But his word is living,
And his word is sure
Evermore, evermore, evermore*

There is salvation in his word:
His voice has called us from the grave;
I will trust his promise.
We are surrounded by his grace
Here in the midst of those he's saved;
I will trust his promise.

Generations rise, generations fall...

Our eyes have seen
Our ears have heard
We are a witness to
The power of your word
So we will tell
Your promises are good
In Jesus Christ we have
Your every word fulfilled

Generations rise, generations fall...

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Final Prayer

Dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Amen