



**Welcome to our Sunday Service**  
**29 November 2020**  
**Romans 8:18-27**

**Welcome:** Julian Bidgood

**Song:**

To God be the glory! great things He has 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!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;*

*And give Him the glory, great things He has 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.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord...*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has 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!

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord...*

William H. Doane (d1916)/Fanny Crosby(d1915)

## Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### Advent week 1



### Prepare the way for the Lord!

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
'In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Isaiah 40:3-5

## Song:

I'm gonna trust in God,  
I'm gonna trust in Jesus  
Without shame and without fear.  
I'm gonna fix my eyes  
On the hope of glory,  
For His day is drawing near.

*How great is the love of God,  
How steady is His hand  
To guide me through this world.  
And though I am weak, in Him I stand,  
And you will hear me say today,  
In faith, I'm gonna trust in God.*

Now when the cares of life  
Seem overwhelming,  
And my heart is sinking down,  
I'm gonna lift my hands  
To the One who'll help me,  
To the One who holds my crown.

*How great is the love of God...*

## Reading: Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call to you,  
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> How long will you people turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?]

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble and do not sin;  
when you are on your beds,  
search your hearts and be silent.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of the righteous  
and trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many, LORD, are asking, 'Who will bring us prosperity?'  
Let the light of your face shine on us.

<sup>7</sup> Fill my heart with joy  
when their grain and new wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.

## Prayers

### Reading: Romans 8:18-27

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

**Talk:** David Horrocks

**Song:**

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit—  
Till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh for sinners slain.

*Thank You, O my Father...*

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.

*Thank You, O my Father...*

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**Next Week**

...services are resuming at Barkham Church at 10am and 6pm.  
We will be continuing in Romans 8 and Julian Bidgood will be  
speaking on verses 28-31, 'God's good purpose'.  
A recording of the service will be available by early afternoon.



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