

## Song

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

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## **SERMON NOTES**

- A Father to be trusted – Matthew 6:25-33
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- A Father to depend on – Matthew 6:9 – The Lord's prayer
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- A Father for the future – Romans 8:15-17,23 – Adoption to sonship - Eagerly awaited!

**Sunday 17th January 2021**  
*4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre*



**Welcome to Church@TheGreen**, a new church for the new community of Arborfield Green established by the existing Churches of Arborfield and Barkham. At the heart of our church family life is a trust in the living God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and who still speaks to us through his Word, the Bible. If you are visiting us, please fill in a visitor form (for the purposes of track and trace) and do introduce yourself to Piers (Minister) or Phil (Ministry Trainee).

Today we are continuing our series on adoption and Piers will be speaking on what sort of father God is. New guidance has advised against singing in worship services, so we will no longer be going outside to sing. We will still have the musicians providing us music which we can use as a time of reflection and quiet worship. In line with guidance, we are still unable to provide children's groups.

**Welcome – Theresa Swan**

**Family Focus: What is a Father like? – Phil Rowlandson**

## **Song**

We've got an awesome Redeemer  
God has given His Son.  
We've got an awesome Redeemer in Jesus.  
And all who shelter in Him  
Will find a pardon for sin,  
We've got an awesome Redeemer in Christ!

*Oh-Oh! Come follow  
Our awesome Redeemer, Jesus.  
Let everyone know, that Oh-Oh-Oh  
We've got an awesome Redeemer in Christ!*

## Reading – *Matthew 6:25-33*

<sup>25</sup> ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>?’

<sup>28</sup> ‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Sermon – *Piers Bickersteth*

### Reading – *Romans 8:14-27*

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba*, Father.’ <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<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.

## Song

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His  
faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and  
death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

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## Prayers

### 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**