

Welcome to our Sunday Service

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Genesis 2:1-3 - God rested

Welcome: Julian Bidgood

Song:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside Where justice and mercy embraced. There the Son of God gave His life for us And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes Jesus, our glory and our prize We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the Lion awake. What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone For we carry His life in our veins.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes...

Turn your eyes to the heavens Our King will return for His own. Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, 'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes...

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Confession:

Our Father in heaven, we have sinned against You, we have disobeyed and ignored You; please forgive us the wrongs we have done for being selfish and greedy, for bad temper and angry words, we are sorry. For hurting others, for lies we have told, for things we have stolen, for the wrong in our hearts, we are sorry. For not trying to please You, for not helping others, we are sorry. Please forgive us through Your Son Jesus Christ who died for our sin. Help us to live lives which please You. Amen.

Reading: Psalm 62

- ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.
- ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.
- ³ How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down – this leaning wall, this tottering fence?
- ⁴ Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless,
 - but in their hearts they curse.
- ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁷ My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
- ⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
- together they are only a breath.
- ¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- ¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
 'Power belongs to you, God.
- ¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love'; and, 'You reward everyone according to what they have done.'

Prayers

Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

- ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.
- ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

Talk: 'God rested' - David Horrocks

Song:

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater.
 He sends us more strength as our labours increase.
 To added afflictions He offers more mercy.
 To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance;
 When our strength has failed and the day is half done;
 When we've reached the end of our earthly resources;
 Our Father's full giving is only begun.
 Our Father's full giving is only begun.

So lean hard, Lean hard. Lean on the everlasting arms. Lean hard, Lean hard. Lean on the everlasting arms. Lean on the everlasting arms.

3. His love has no limits, His grace has no measure.
His power has no boundary that's known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

So lean hard, Lean hard

You lead me beside still waters. Your goodness restores my soul. I know that you'll never leave me. I know that you won't let go.

So lean hard, Lean hard

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Next Week

Our series in Genesis 1 - 3, 'In the beginning', continues with Julian Bidgood speaking on 'The man and his wife' from Genesis 2:4-25.



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