



**Welcome to our Service**

**Sunday 19th July 2020**

**Acts – the Unstoppable word of God**

**Welcome**

**Song:**

1. Who O Lord could save themselves  
Their own soul could heal  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still  
(repeat verse 1)

*You alone can rescue  
You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

2. You O Lord have made a way  
The great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes Your love goes further still

*You alone can rescue...*

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**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.**

 **NEW CITY  
Catechism**

Question 20

**Who is the Redeemer?**



**The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reading: Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortal men, who cannot save.

<sup>4</sup> When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

<sup>6</sup> the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

<sup>7</sup> He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

<sup>8</sup> the Lord gives sight to the blind,  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the alien  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

## Prayers

## Song:

<sup>1</sup> When I was lost, You came and rescued me;  
Reached down into the pit and lifted me.  
O Lord, such love,  
I was as far from You as I could be.  
You know all the things I've ever done,  
But Jesus' blood has cancelled every one.  
O Lord, such grace  
To qualify me as Your own.

*There is a new song in my mouth,*

*There is a deep cry in my heart,*

*A hymn of praise to Almighty God - hallelujah!*

*And now I stand firm on this Rock,*

*My life is hidden now with Christ in God.*

*The old has gone and the new has come - hallelujah!*

*Your love has lifted me.*

*continued...*

2. Now I have come into Your family,  
For the Son of God has died for me.  
O Lord, such peace,  
I am as loved by You as I could be.  
In the full assurance of Your love,  
Now with every confidence we come.  
O Lord, such joy  
To know that You delight in us.

*There is a new song in my mouth...*

Many are the wonders You have done,  
And many are the things that You have  
planned.  
How beautiful the grace that gives to us  
All that we don't deserve,  
All that we cannot earn,  
But is a gift of love.  
Your love has lifted me.

*There is a new song in my mouth...*

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## **Reading: Acts 6:8-15 & 7:44-8:3**

### **Acts 6**

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

<sup>11</sup> Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

<sup>12</sup> So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. <sup>13</sup> They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. <sup>14</sup> For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

<sup>15</sup> All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

### **Acts 7**

<sup>44</sup> "Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. <sup>45</sup> After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David, <sup>46</sup> who enjoyed God's favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup> But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

<sup>48</sup> "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

<sup>49</sup> "Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord.  
Or where will my resting place be?

<sup>50</sup> Has not my hand made all these things?"

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup> Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

<sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

## Acts 8

<sup>1</sup> On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

**Talk:** David Horrocks

## Song:

1. I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Saviour before the Holy Judge, the Lamb Who is my Righteousness,  
The Lamb Who is my Righteousness.
2. I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.
3. I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold!

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## Next Week

Our series 'Acts – the Unstoppable word of God' continues  
and Julian Bidgood will be speaking on Acts 8:4-25.

10am and 6pm services will be restarting at Barkham church. Booking will be open on the website on Monday afternoon. Remote services will still be available.



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