

St Paul's Zoom Worship –20th June 2021

Opening Responses

From the World Council of Churches 1991: In Spirit and in Truth.

In mystery and grandeur

we see the face of God

in earthiness and the ordinary

we know the love of Christ

In heights and depths and life and death:

the spirit of God is moving among us

Let us praise God.



Hymn: Look up to the skies

https://resoundworship.org/song/look_up_to_the_skies

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Look up to the skies, see all that's displayed,
the wonder of God in the things he has made.

The sunsets and storms, the bright shining stars,
are showing his glory and almighty power.

Come, join with creation today, worship the Lord give him praise. Sing praise! Sing praise!

The sun rising up reminds us to say,
'Be glad and give thanks to the Lord God today.'
And when evening falls, the moon's silver light
will shine for his praise through the darkness of night.

The mountains so high, the valleys so low,
the fruit on the trees and the flowers that grow,
the birds of the air, the creatures that crawl,
give glory to God who reigns over them all.

Prayer of Penitence (*a time to say sorry to God*)

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reflection *(to include images from the Hubble Telescope seen in 2020).*

<https://youtu.be/dFyUfeoSxwY>

Hymn: When you spoke <https://youtu.be/7QbXrAluC-w>

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When you spoke, light overwhelmed the darkness;
when you spoke, the heavens gained their hue;
when you spoke, creation echoed, singing;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

Lord, you spoke, through stone and fire and rainbow;
Lord, you spoke, through angels, dreams and dew;
Lord, you spoke, through prophets, kings and children;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

*Open my ears, so I can truly listen,
open my mind, so I may understand.
Open my heart, so I can truly love you,
and live to follow You.*

When you spoke, your words commanded healing;
when you spoke, the wind and waves withdrew;
when you spoke, the twelve left all to follow;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.
Lord, you speak in power through your Spirit;
Lord, you speak by scripture's words of truth;
Lord, you speak through prayer and song and teaching;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow You.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We share the Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: How Great Thou Art *(sung by Becky)* Songwriters: Stuart Hine lyrics © Sony/atv Tree Publishing, Universal Music Publishing, I Am They Publishing, Manna Music Inc

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Blessing

May God bless us with strength to seek justice.
May God bless us with wisdom to care for our earth.
May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.
Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people,
all creatures, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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