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Morning Worship Passion Sunay

Sunday 29th March 2020 11.00 am

> Preacher: Revd Dr Martn Atkins

'Sharing in His Sufferings'

Philippians 3:7-11 John 12:23-28

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LIVE STREAM WELCOME

Revd Tony Miles

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

STF 355

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high; Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on thee; Leave, ah, leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring; Cover my defenceless head With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in thee I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound, Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; Freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley

OPENING PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO SONG 'Blessed be your name' by Matt Redman - STF 40

Blessèd be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessèd be your name.

And blessèd be your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your name. Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your glorious name. Blessèd be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's 'all as it should be,' blessèd be your name.

And blessèd be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your name. Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your glorious name.

You give and take away, you give and take away. My heart will choose to say, 'Lord, blessèd be your name.'

Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your name. Blessèd be the name of the Lord, blessèd be your glorious name.

EPISTLELESSONPhilippians 3:7-11TNIVRead by Love Joy Mendoza

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

GOSPEL LESSONJohn 12:23-28TNIVRead by Wes Gibbs

²³ Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.'

SERMON 'Sharing in His Suffering' Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

STF 287

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe, spreads o'er his body on the tree; then am I dead to all the globe, and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS Deacon Ali McMillan

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

STF 459

Captain of Israel's host, and Guide of all who seek the land above, beneath your shadow we abide, the cloud of your protecting love; our strength, your grace; our rule, your word; our end, the glory of the Lord.

By your unerring Spirit led, we shall not in the desert stray; we shall not full direction need, nor miss our providential way; as far from danger as from fear, while love, almighty love, is near. *Charles Wesley*

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