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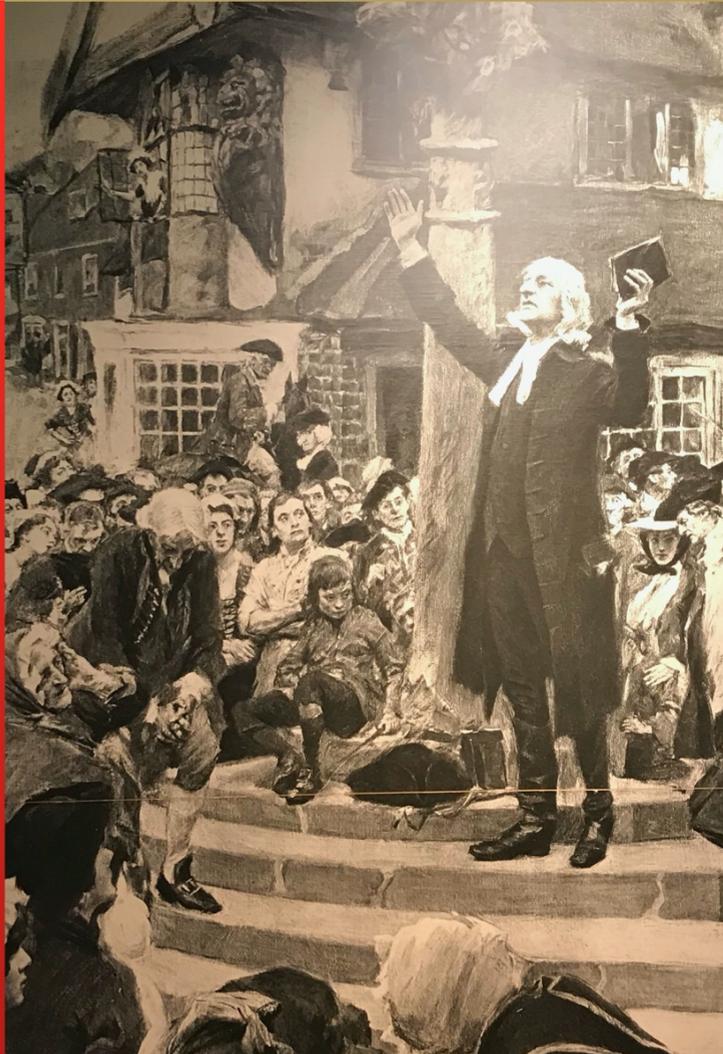
Aldersgate Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

11.00 am

**Preacher:**

Rev'd Dr Martyn Atkins  
"A Methodist Christian Disciple"

1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Matthew 7:7-12



## **INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN**

### **WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH**

### **LIVE STREAM WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revd Tony Miles (Studio)

### **VIDEO HYMN – O for a thousand tongues to sing**

#### **STF 364**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

Jesus – the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

See all your sins on Jesus laid:  
the Lamb of God was slain;  
his soul was once an offering made  
that all may heaven gain.

In Christ, our Head, you then shall know,  
shall feel, your sins forgiven,  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

Revd Tim Swindell - Executive Chair of CHW Ltd.

**(via Zoom)**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Please join in using your own language or the version  
you prefer

**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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Revd Tony Miles (Studio)

### **EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 TNIV**

Read by Genevieve Patnelli – Senior Circuit Steward  
(via Zoom)

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

<sup>55</sup> ‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

### **VIDEO SONG - Magnificat 4**

(Jazz Setting Ike Sturm)

*Stanza:*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord**

## **GOSPEL LESSON    Matthew Chapter 7:7-12    TNIV**

Read by Aretha Solanke (via Zoom)

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

## **SERMON 'A Methodist Christian Disciple'**

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins (via Zoom)

### **VIDEO HYMN - Your labour is not in vain**

Your labour is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and  
  stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
Your labour is not in vain  
Your labour is not unknown

Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may  
  groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But Your labour is not unknown  
I am with you, I am with you  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labour is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
I am with you, I am with you  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labour is not in vain

The houses you laboured to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed  
I am with you, I am with you  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labour is not in vain

I am with you, oh I am with you  
Oh I am with you, oh I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labour is not in vain

*The Porter's Gate (Feat. Paul Zach & Madison  
Cunningham)*

## **VIDEO GREETING**

Revd Steve Wild

- Past President of Conference  
& Chair of the Cornwall District

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Doug Swanney – Connexional Secretary (via Zoom)

**VIDEO HYMN - Bless the Lord O my Soul  
(10,000 Reasons)**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,  
worship His holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come,  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending;  
ten thousand years and then forever more!

*Matt Redman*

**VIDEO CLIP - Puppets 'Hymn and Her!'**

*Charlie & Roz Bushell (with Deacon Ali McMillan)*

**VIDEO JC LIVE GREETINGS**

JC Live Zoom Poem

**VIDEO GREETINGS**

Little messages (Part 1)

**OTHER GREETINGS**

Tony

**VIDEO GREETINGS**

Little messages (Part 2)

## VIDEO HYMN - And can it be

### STF 345

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all : the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -  
So free, so infinite his grace -  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Deacon Ali McMillan

## 'THANK YOU' AND THE BLESSING

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins (via Zoom)

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