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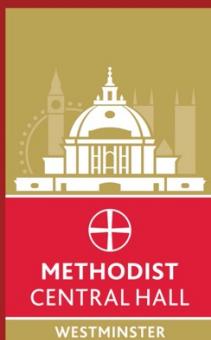


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"PEACE I LEAVE WITH
GIVE YOU." JOHN 14:27

Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming



Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd May 2020

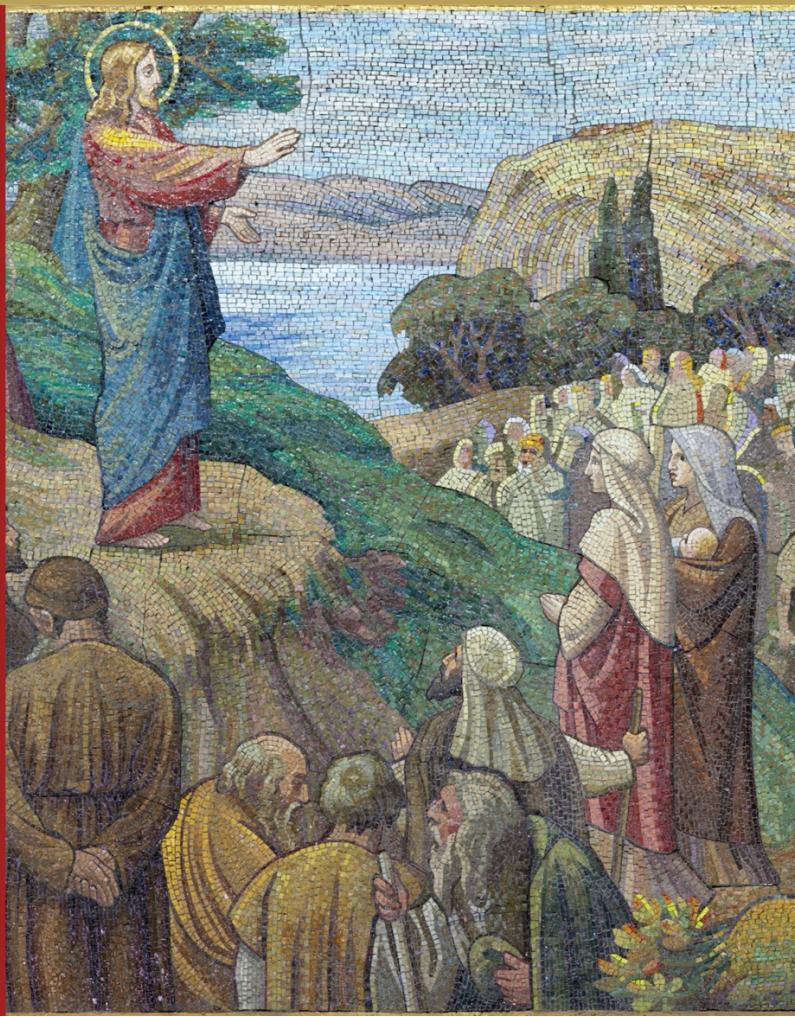
11.00 am

Preacher:

Deacon Ali McMillan
'Extraordinary Hope'

Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 5:1-12

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INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN

WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME (Studio)

Revd Tony Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP - (via Zoom)

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

STF 82

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty 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!*

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

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:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart;
then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art:

Stuart K. Hine

OPENING PRAYERS - (via Zoom)

Led by Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

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.

VIDEO CLIP

Puppets 'Hymn and Her!'

Charlie & Roz Bushell

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Studio)

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO SONG – In Christ Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

From the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain

STF 351

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21 TNIV

*Read by Sarita Lightfoot Taylor (*via Zoom*)*

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

VIDEO - Sermon on the Mount Illustrated

Kingdom House

GOSPEL LESSON Based on Matthew 5:1-12

*Read by Revd Ruth Gee, Assistant Secretary of Conference (*via Zoom*)*

The Beatitudes by Trevor Dennis

Jesus lived and worked chiefly among the poor. He wanted to give them hope and show them where true hope lay. They felt they could do nothing themselves to make life easier. They were trapped in a world where they could do nothing about drought, disease or locust plague. Many were trapped into working for people who didn't care about them. Others were trapped into going down to the marketplace every day

hoping for work. Many of the men knew the shame of returning home with nothing to give their wives and children. Others still were trapped in slavery. And they were all trapped in a land occupied by the Romans. As always, it was worst for the women and children.

Jesus came among these people bringing the life and the healing of God. In a few lines of poetry called the Beatitudes, or Blessings, he expressed most beautifully the extraordinary hope he was offering these people.

Here is Matthew's version:

'It will be well with those who depend entirely on God,
who have nobody else to turn to,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
It will be well with those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
It will be well with those who are humble,
for they will inherit the earth.
It will be well with those who hunger and thirst for
justice,
for they will be filled.
It will be well with those who show mercy,
for they will receive mercy.
It will be well with those who yearn for God above all
else,
for they shall indeed see God.
It will be well with those who make peace,
for they shall be called children of God.
It will be well with those who are persecuted
just because they seek what is just and right,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

SERMON ‘Extraordinary Hope’ (via Zoom)

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO SONG - Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

VIDEO CLIP – Global Greetings and Good News

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Revd Tony Miles (with images)

STF 503

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise! Charles Wesley

‘THANK YOU’ AND THE BLESSING - (via Zoom)
Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

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