



## Holy Trinity Church Heath Town

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

11:15 am Praise & Worship

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Theme: A Wise Heart

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### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Satisfy us with your steadfast love  
**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days, and gain a wise heart.**

Come and meet the Lord who loves us  
and is all we need.

**Come, rejoice and be glad as we  
worship together.**

#### SONG

Wonderful, so wonderful  
Is Your unfailing love;  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful One, I love You,  
Beautiful One, I adore,  
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful,  
Your glory fills the skies,

Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty  
Awakes my heart to sing  
How marvellous, how wonderful You are.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,

You captured my heart with this love,  
'Cause nothing on earth  
Is as beautiful as You.

*(Repeat)*

My soul, my soul must sing,  
My soul, my soul must sing,  
My soul, my soul must sing,  
Beautiful One.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THEME

#### GATHERING PRAYER

Loving Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come together to worship you, help us to explore our relationship with you.

May your words and challenges strengthen and affirm us. May your love sustain us and guide us. May our worship be acceptable to you. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **READING (video)**

**Mark 10:17-31**

### **SONG**

Who can know the mind of our Creator?  
Who can speak of wonders yet unseen?  
Who can reach the height of  
understanding,  
To play the notes of wisdom's melody?

Who has weighed the dust of every  
mountain?  
Who has walked the mysteries of the  
deep?  
Who has laid the earth on its foundation  
And who conducts the waves upon the  
sea?

You have seen the end from the  
beginning.  
You have been before the world began.  
You have reached to me within my  
darkness,  
And in the light of mercy now I see.

### **READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON / TALK**

### **CONFESSION**

Lord, there are so many things that can get in the way of our relationship with

you. We offer them to you now and ask that you will forgive us and show us new ways to always put you first. Whatever that may take. Grant us your wisdom, Lord. **Amen.**

You call us to yourself and bless us with the assurance that our sins are completely washed away in you.

**All things are possible with God.**

We thank you for your forgiveness.

We bless you, Lord.

**All things are possible with God. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

May the Father forgive us by the death of His Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.  
**Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Please stand as we affirm our faith together*

**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**for by His will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**for with His blood, He purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'**

**Even so come, Lord Jesus!**

**Amen.**

## SONG

Here I am,  
Humbled by Your majesty,  
Covered by Your grace so free.  
Here I am,  
Knowing I'm a sinful man/woman,  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Now I've found  
The greatest love of all is mine,  
Since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

*Majesty, majesty.  
Your grace has found me just as I am,  
Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.  
Majesty, majesty.  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty.*

Here I am,  
Humbled by the love that You give,  
Forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand,  
Knowing that I'm Your desire,  
Sanctified by glory and fire.

## PRAYERS

Giver of life, we think of our world today – where there can be so much greed and so little justice.

We pray for those for whom money is their great motivator, while other concerns get pushed aside. We ask for a renewed compassion among those whose hearts seem so focused on their own gain, to the detriment of others.

We pray for situations we have heard about this week, where wickedness and corruption hold sway, and where those

who have little are trampled under the heels of the powerful.

We ask for your light to spread into the darkest places – the remote areas scarred by suffering we know nothing about, the anguish behind closed doors of respectability, the evil that can lurk within human hearts.

Jesus, you defeated darkness by confronting it on the cross, and then rising to brilliant life again. May we be your torch bearers, showing those around us a better way of living. In your name. **Amen.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### OFFERTORY SONG

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted  
loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to  
this.

*Knowing You, Jesus,  
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FINAL PRAYER

O God, thank you for my thinking (*touch head with one hand*)

help my thinking to be more like yours.  
Thank you for words to speak and songs to sing (*put finger on lips*) –

help me to speak kindly and truthfully.  
Thank you for all I have (*hold hands out palms up*)

help me to share it and use it a wisely.  
Thank you for all the things I can do (*walk on the spot*)

help me to make wise choices. In all that we think and say and do, bless us and guide us, O God. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

God, who from the death of sin raised us to new life in Christ, keep us from falling

and set us in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

### SONG

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**