



**A very warm welcome
Sunday 25 April 2021**

Welcome - Tom Wright

Grace unmeasured vast and free

That knew me from eternity
That called me out before my birth
To bring You glory on this earth
Grace amazing pure and deep
That saw me in my misery
That took my curse and owned my blame
So I could bear Your righteous name

Grace abounding strong and true

That makes me long to be like You
That turns me from my selfish pride
To love the cross on which You died
Grace unending all my days
You'll give me strength to run this race
And when my years on earth are through
The praise will all belong to You

Chorus

*Grace paid for my sins
And brought me to life
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right
Grace will lead me to heaven
Where I'll see Your face
And never cease
To thank You for Your grace*

Chorus

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Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 forever. Amen.

Notices

Reading 1 - Joshua 2:1-24, Ellie Dawson

I once was lost in darkest night

Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

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Reading - Joshua 5:13-6:25, Ellie Dawson

Talk - Chris Fishlock

Liturgy

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever;

All: and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

All: and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Adapted from Psalm 136

Introduction

1. The salvation of Rahab

- Setting the scene (2:1-7)
- Rahab displays true faith (2:8-14)
- Rahab promised salvation (2:15-24)

2. The judgement of Jericho

- An unexpected visitor 5:13-15
- The build up to the battle (6:1-16)
- God's divine judgement on Jericho (6:17-21)

Conclusion (6:25)

Application:

Questions

The salvation of Rahab is beautiful: In what ways have you been challenged by her example of faith? The judgement of Jericho is a sobering reminder of the Lord's final judgement: How should this event a) impact our understanding of the Lord? b) shape the decisions we make in our lives today / tomorrow?

Prayers - Frank Owusu-Sekyere

Come praise and glorify our God

The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

Chorus

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away

Final words

Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfil

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One

Chorus

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