

JUNE 6TH 2021

David, the boy

Invocation: Psalm 8: 1-2a

All our worship this morning is based on Psalms written by David:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

Songs:

- O Lord our God, how majestic is your name (Psalm 8; PRP 116)
- Ascribe greatness (Psalm 29; PRP 7)
- Great is the Lord (Psalm 145; PRP 45)

Prayer:

Lord, we come to you **because you are strength for us when our strength fails;**

You are hope for us **when our hope is gone;**

You are love for us **when we are cold and empty;**

You are forgiveness for us **when we go wrong;**

You are peace for us **when we are afraid;**

You are beginning again **when it feels like the end.**

We come to worship you because you are worthy. **Amen**

Lord, no words of ours can describe you. No thoughts of ours can hold you. No actions of ours can control you. You are utterly beyond us. Your greatness, sovereignty and power simply cannot be imagined. We praise you, mighty Lord, for the demonstration of your authority in every facet of your creation. Everything that is, is because of you. Everything we see, hear, touch and examine is because you have made it so. That we can think and plan and choose is because you intended it so; that we can live and love and praise is because you have meant it to be so. Everywhere we look, everything we hear and everything we see affirms your glory, sings your praises and declares that you are worthy. Lord, we praise you, not simply for what you have done in all creation, but most of all for what you have done for our re-creation. In Jesus Christ you have made all things new. We praise you for his life, death and resurrection. In him you have called us to worship you, not only for what you have done, but supremely for who you are. You are the Lord. There is no God like you; there is no God besides you. You alone are the Lord, and we, your people, bring you our praises. Amen

Reading: (Ann Butler): I Samuel 16: 1-13

Prayer:

Lord, we do not find it easy to say what we want to say. We do not find it easy, especially when we know everyone will be listening. We do not find it easy to talk to you and tell you just how we feel. So we thank you for David and for the amazing way he wrote such wonderful praise songs to you, songs we can use ourselves to offer our thanks and our praises to you.

Lord, we know that David sometimes made a mess of his life and that again and again he needed your forgiveness so that he could make a new start. Your love for him means that we too can know that even when we say and do wrong things, when we say we are sorry – and mean it – you are not only ready to forgive us but to help us to begin all over again and to use us in the most amazing ways. Lord, we thank you for David and for the songs we can use to praise your name. Amen

Song: Strength will rise (MP 1222)

Message

Intercessory prayers (Fiona)

Communion: Michael Kennelly

Song: The Lord's my shepherd (I will trust) (MP 1008)

Prayer:

The God we worship is our strength and our song. The God we serve is our courage and our reward. The God we trust is our hope and our joy. He now sends us out to declare his glory and to serve in his name. AMEN

Blessing