

**Tavistock Methodist Circuit – At Home Service – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

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Call to worship

Be still and know that I am God. Let us have a moment and bring ourselves into his presence. Lord help us to know your presence with us at this special time that we may know your love. Come Holy Spirit and be with us we pray. Amen

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!** great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Chorus.** *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;*

*And give Him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**CHROUS**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

**CHORUS**

**Prayer**

God our creator, to you be thanks and praise.

You made each one of us in your image.

Our name is on the palm of your hand.

We thank you that you care for each one of us.

You sent your Son Jesus to be the Saviour of this World.

We thank you for your obedience, Jesus, going to the cross,  
giving up your life for us.

We thank you for the example that you gave us, by overcoming  
the temptations.

To you be all praise our Saviour.

Help us to draw closer to you that we may be strengthened

In our faith in you.  
We thank you Holy Spirit, who guides and strengthens us  
In our Christian walk.  
We give you all the honour and praise our Lord and Saviour. Amen

### **Lord's Prayer**

Get your Bibles and read  
**Psalm 93. And John 18 v 28 – 37**

### **Hymn**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from his head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

### **Reflection**

When I chose the last hymn I was thinking that this was all about Jesus going to the Cross. That is what Christianity is all about Jesus the living God and all he went through to reach us God's creation.

The religious leaders could not tell that the truth of their Jewish religion was standing there right in front of them. Here was their Messiah who they had long awaited for to come. But their perception about Jesus was all wrong as they thought he would come in with all guns blazing (so to speak). He was not there just for the Jewish people but for everyone on earth. He was bringing God's kingdom to them which was forgiveness, love and healing. Psalm 93 says that the WORLD is firmly established and it cannot be moved. That is still true today whatever happens in this world good and bad God knows before we do. The precious gift of free will that God has given to us can be used for good as well as evil. Jesus's throne was established long ago is what the psalmist says which is true. Jesus wanted us to know this as he told Pilate who believed he was a King. The Jewish leaders' hearts were closed to Jesus and everything he said because they didn't want to believe in a loving, forgiving and healing God. Jesus knows all about each one of us what is happening in our lives at the moment only believe and allow Jesus into your hearts. He knocks on the door of our hearts the handle is inside are you going to open the door to allow

him into your lives? Jesus wants to be with you every single day to encourage and help you through life's course that you take. Allow him to be your guide don't be like the religious leaders and ask God to open your spiritual eyes and see your Saviour Jesus. Jesus will be with you now and through eternity.

### **Intercessory prayers**

Heavenly Father we come to your throne of grace in the name of Jesus our Lord. We thank you Lord that you have given us the precious gift of prayer.

Father we pray for what has been happening the past few years with covid19. You have given the intellect and expertise to all who are involved with trying to rid the world of this disease. We pray Father that you will continue to open their hearts and minds to you to enable them to find a solution and conquer this covid19.

We pray for our Queen Elizabeth that you will bring your healing and peace to her.

In a moment we bring to you people you have laid on our hearts to pray for

We pray Father that you will bring healing and peace to all whom we have prayed for in the precious name of Jesus we leave these prayers at your Holy Throne. Amen

### **Hymn**

JESUS IS LORD! Creation voice proclaims it,  
For by His power each tree and flower  
Was planned and made  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,  
Sun, moon and stars in heaven  
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

### **Chorus**

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs  
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
In flesh He came to die in pain  
On Calvary's tree  
Jesus is Lord! From all life proceeding,  
Yet gave his His life a ransom  
Thus setting us free

### **Chorus**

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
From death He rose and all his foes  
Shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sent by his Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power  
That Jesus is Lord

### **Chorus**

May our eyes and hearts be open to receive from our Lord and Saviour Jesus that we will believe in his Loving healing power. And tell others what Jesus has done in our Lives.

The footsteps in the sand are Jesus then ours. He will direct us if we ask  
Thanks be to God our Father, Jesus our Saviour and the Holy Spirit whom God the Father sent to earth to be our comforter and friend. **Amen**