

Yateley Baptist Church, Sunday 7 March 2021

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Praise! 424

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

2 On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees (1802-1883), trans. William Edwards (1848-1929)

Reading: Mark 14:26-52, ESV

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy,

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and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.

⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Hymn: Praise! 444

There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

3 O Lamb of God, your precious blood
shall never lose its power,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

4 And since, by faith, I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your power to save.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Sermon: Mark 14:26-52 – Submitting to God’s Will (Even When it’s Hard)

And he said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will. (36)

1. Be Fervent in Prayer

2. Trust That God is Sovereign

Hymn: Praise! 868

Guide me, O my great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

William Williams (1717-1791) & Peter Williams (1723-1796)

Prayer

Hymn: Praise 2! 24

Blessed be your name in the land that is
plentiful

Where the streams of abundance flow

Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the
desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to
praise*

When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your glorious name

2 Blessed be your name when the sun's shining
down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name on the road marked with
suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to
praise*

When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be the name of the Lord...

Beth & Matt Redman

Closing Prayer