

Yateley Baptist Church, Sunday 6 June 2021

Opening Prayer

Hymn: New Christian Hymns 579

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast!'

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water – thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live!'

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Reading: James 5:7-20, ESV

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hymn: Praise 2! 81

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

2 You're rich in love

And you're slow to anger

Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

3 And on that day

When my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will

Sing your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Prayer

Hymn: Praise! 754

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the weight of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
through every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your gracious, heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the winds and waves still know
the voice of Christ that ruled them here below.

3 Be still, my soul: the day is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are
past,
in his safe presence we shall meet at last.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843)

Sermon: James 5:7-20 – On Patience and Renewal

Hymn: Praise 2! 39

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

2 O, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath:
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

3 Now the daylight flees, now the ground
beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross...

4 O, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Closing Prayer