

Immanuel Church *Brentford*

10 October 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Nehemiah 9:5–6

Leader: “Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

All: “You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

OPENING HYMN

1. **O God beyond all praising,**
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING: Psalm 92

A PSALM. A SONG FOR THE SABBATH.

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- 2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
- 3 to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
- 4 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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LATER TODAY

5pm: Prayer Gathering (Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

10:15am: Galatians 3:23–4:7 (Stuart Cashman)

5pm: Prayer Gathering (Zoom)

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Giving to Immanuel Church

The giving of tithes and offerings is a normal part of our worship as it is an acknowledgment that all we have comes from God and we are merely stewards of His good gifts to us. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians that followers of Jesus should give what they have decided in their hearts to give and to give cheerfully. Due to Covid restrictions we have not been able to pass the offering bag as part of our worship service, however if you are a member, regular attendee or a guest who would simply like to support the work of the church, you may do so by contacting our church treasurer, Martin Fox at treasurer@immanuelbrentford.org.



As a church we take safeguarding seriously. If you have a concern about the safety of an adult or a child in the church please speak to our safeguarding leads: Su Larson or Ieke Hilmy.



- 5 How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!
- 6 The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:
- 7 that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
- 8 but you, O LORD, are on high forever.
- 9 For behold, your enemies, O LORD,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.
- 10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
- 11 My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
- 12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
15 to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

HYMN

1. Make music to the Lord most high

whose praise is our delight:
as day begins we sing your love,
your faithfulness by night.

2. Lord, when we see what you have done
our songs of joy resound:
your handiwork, how vast it is,
your counsels, how profound!

3. The godless mind will never know—
because its sense is void—
that though the wicked spread like grass,
they all shall be destroyed.

4. For ever, Lord, you are supreme;
your throne remains on high
while rebels meet eternal doom
and evildoers die.

5. But like the cedar and the palm
the righteous stand serene;
they flourish in the house of God,
their leaves are fresh and green.

6. To fruitful age they still proclaim
the Lord who makes them new—
our God, in whom there is no wrong,
my rock, for ever true.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

CLOSING HYMN

1. **In Him I have believed**, on this my hope now rests,
That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!
The all-surpassing joy of knowing Christ my Lord,
The former things, I count them all as loss.
Called out of darkness into Your goodness,
We are Your children, chosen in Christ.
Now in Your family, heirs of the promise,
To Your purpose on the earth I give my life.

2. A people born of God, united by Your call,
One faith, one Lord, one Father of us all.
Joined with bonds of love, and planted in Your house,
We worship You with hearts and lives poured out.
Let us go on in the power of Your Spirit,
Taking Your gospel to all the world.
Declaring Your wisdom, our great commission,
That Jesus Christ has come to save the lost.

3. Whatever trials may come, in faith Lord help
us stand
For righteousness and justice in our land.
What fear can hold us now? We run toward the prize,
Our lives already crucified with Christ.
Through every nation Your kingdom advances;
Who can extinguish this spreading flame?
Through tribulations we'll stand on Your promise:
"I will build My church and hell will not prevail!"

4. And on that final day, the citizens of heaven,
Called out to be the new Jerusalem,
In multitudes will bow before the throne of God:
One nation called from every tribe and tongue.
Great celebration! The glorious union:
The Lion of Judah, the pure spotless bride.
All of creation waits for this moment,
All your promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You speak, but we have not listened, through our laziness or indifference. You give us your day each week for our good and to remember your works of creation and redemption, but we have wasted these Sabbaths by doing as we please. We turn away from neighbours in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes, we approve what you condemn. O merciful Lord, we admit our sin, and turn to you in full repentance to ask for your gracious forgiveness. Restore us to full communion with you. Quicken our hearts to hear you when you speak, to be diligent and faithful in reading your word the Bible, and to respond when you call us to take action; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 3:23–24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. We had turned from God to sin's disgrace;
We chose the path to hell.
Perfect law of God condemned our race
For all in Adam fell;
But the righteousness of God appeared
And the world found hope again;
For the Righteous One has come down to bear
All the curse of sin and death.

Chorus
Now to Him Who's seated on the throne:
All glory be forever.
Oh, the depths of wisdom, grace, and power.
All glory be forever.
All glory be forever.

2. Every bond of sin that held us fast
Is left in Jesus' grave.
We've been freed from all that gripped our past,
From Satan's rule and reign;
We've been raised to life to breathe His grace
As captives now reclaimed.
All our guilt is gone, all our strivings ceased,
We're alive to seek His fame.

3. Now our future's fixed, our journey clear;
God will not let us go.
Every trial that tempts our hearts to fear
He'll use to give us hope.
All creation groans as we await
What our eyes have longed to see;
Every pain and evil we've long endured
Will be crushed by Christ our King.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

(We will pray the Lord's Prayer together at the end)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* that is, universal church

SONG

1. Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground;
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us;
Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear;
Lead us in Your truth.

Chorus
Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until ev'ry heart confesses Christ is Lord!

2. Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes;
Guards us through temptations,
Makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul,
Come speak to us today.

Chorus
Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life! (x4)
Chorus

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✧ PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD ✧

"I Want to Believe"
Galatians 3:15–22

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¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.