

URC Sunday Worship 21st February 2021
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Call To Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Forgiveness

...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of illumination

Genesis 9 : 8 – 17

Mark 1 : 9 – 15

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me! Mould me! Fill me! Use me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Sermon

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2: Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;
make straight the way of God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our sure reward.
Shine forth, then, let thy light bestow
our souls to heav'nly grace once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent set thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

Affirmation of Faith

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust: **our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until His Kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to God!

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living, for our world belongs to God!
As committed disciples, called to faithful obedience, and set free for
joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world,
for **our world belongs to God!**

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the
Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the
present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears for **our World
belongs to God!**

Intercessions

Offertory

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Blessing