

# BELONGING | GROWING | MULTIPLYING | SERVING

## SUNDAY 1st AUGUST 10.45AM

Leader: Tom Devas | Preacher: Rob Miles

#### **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**Songs: Only A Holy God** 

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only Cry out, sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him...

Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God, only my Holy God!

Come and behold Him...

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#### BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is written on His hands
My name is hidden in His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No power can force me to depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect sinless righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace One with my Lord I cannot die My soul is purchased with His blood My life is safe with Christ on high With Christ my Saviour and my God

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#### **CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have worried and failed to trust in your Fatherly care In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

BIBLE READING: ACTS 16:11-40

<sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

<sup>16</sup> Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

<sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." <sup>18</sup> She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

<sup>19</sup> When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. <sup>20</sup> They brought

them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar <sup>21</sup> by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup> When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

<sup>35</sup> When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." <sup>36</sup> The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

<sup>37</sup> But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out."

<sup>38</sup> The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. <sup>39</sup> They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup> After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

#### **SERMON**

**SONG: THE CREED — THIS I BELIEVE** 

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father...

I believe in You,
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in You,
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

I believe in God our Father...

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#### **CHURCH UPDATE**

### PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

Song: Your Grace is Enough

Your grace is enough,
More than I need,
At Your word I will believe.
I wait for You,
Draw near again,
Let Your Spirit make me new.

And I will fall at Your feet, I will fall at Your feet And I will worship You here.

Your presence in me Jesus, light the way, By the power of Your word. I am restored, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen

I am redeemed, By Your Spirit I am free.

And I will fall at Your feet, I will fall at Your feet And I will worship You here.

Freely You gave it all for us,
Surrendered Your life upon that cross,
Great is the love poured out for all,
This is our God.
Lifted on high from death to life.
Forever our God is glorified.
Servant and King rescued the world.
This is our God.

### **FINAL PRAYER**

Please join us for a catch up after the service on zoom. https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/952064554?pwd=SkVabTluMUZxSjVocDZTaDZxc3dCZz09

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