

## Song

1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart -  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**Blessing and Dismissal** - *We remain standing for the Blessing and Dismissal*  
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**To God, who is higher than our highest thoughts, yet closer than our closest friend, be thanks and praise, glory and honour, this day and for evermore. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service**

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## The St J's Group

### MORNING PRAISE

11.15am - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”**

**“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. - Mark 1:24-26**

### Welcome/Notices

#### Hymn

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like you his praise should sing?  
Praise him! praise him!  
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him! praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! praise him!  
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! praise him!  
praise with us the God of grace.

**Confession** - *We sit or kneel to pray*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### The collect for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### First Reading – Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!’

25 ‘Be quiet!’ said Jesus sternly. ‘Come out of him!’ 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, ‘What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey

him.' **28** News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn Tune Camberwell

1. At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of Glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who, from the beginning  
was the mighty Word:

2. At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angels' faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly order  
In their great array.

3. Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came;  
Faithfully he bore it,  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious,  
When from death he passed.

### Second Reading – Luke 4:31-37

**31** Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. **32** They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. **33** In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, **34** "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" **35** "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. **36** All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" **37** And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Talk** – 'Jesus drives out an evil spirit' - *Pauline Preddy*

### Hymn

1 Amazing grace!-how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

### Prayers of Intercession

Sovereign God, we praise you today for the great wonder at the heart of the gospel - your sharing our humanity and enduring our weakness. You are sovereign over all, yet you became our servant. You are the holy one of God, yet you were tempted just as we are. You are the giver of life, yet you endured the darkness of death. You are the Lord of lords, yet you were crowned with thorns. You are enthroned on high, yet you consented to be brought low. In what the world counted weakness you displayed true strength. Great is your name, **and greatly to be praised.**

We praise you for your love that is able to turn human expectations upside down, and we rejoice in everything this means for us today that when we are weak, you are strong, when we feel most helpless, you are most powerful, when we can do little, you can do much. Great is your name, **and greatly to be praised.**

We praise you that your way is not one of coercion but of love, your power transforming from within, never forcing anyone to comply with your wishes but graciously inviting a response. We thank you that, year after year, generation after generation, you have worked through ordinary ~awed individuals like us, to make known your love and to bring nearer your kingdom. Great is your name, **and greatly to be praised.**

Sovereign God, Servant God, we praise you that, despite everything which conspires against you, everything which frustrates your purpose, your will shall finally triumph, nothing able to overcome your goodness, or to extinguish your love in Christ. May we live each day in that conviction, bringing honour and glory to you. Great is your name, **and greatly to be praised.**

Loving God, you have shown us such love and humility; we offer you our thanks and praise. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**