

Yateley Baptist Church, Sunday 26 July 2020

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Praise! 246

Great God of wonders, all your ways
are matchless, godlike and divine;
and the fair glories of your grace
among your other wonders shine.

*Who is a pardoning God like you,
with grace so free, so rich, so true?*

2 Such vile offences to forgive,
such guilty, reckless souls to spare:
this is your grand prerogative,
and in the honour none shall share.

3 Angels and mortals, yield your claim
to pity, mercy, love and grace:
these glories crown our Saviour's name
with an incomparable blaze.

4 In wonder lost, with trembling joy,
we take the pardon of our God:
a pardon granted from on high,
a pardon sealed with Jesus' blood.

5 O may this strange, this matchless grace,
this godlike miracle of love,
fill all the earth with grateful praise,
as now it fills the skies above.

Samuel Davies (1723-1761)

Reading: Matthew 8:23-34, ESV

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marvelled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

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²⁸ And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes,^[a] two demon-possessed^[b] men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰ Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹ And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." ³² And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. ³³ The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴ And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

Hymn

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing Hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

2 What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His Grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ.

3 Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord.

Then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours for evermore.

Keith Getty & Matt Papa

Prayer

Hymn: Praise! 779

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds and will not fail.

3 His oath, his covenant and his blood
support me in the rising flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

4 I trust his righteous character,
his counsel, promises and power;
his name and honour are at stake
to save me from the burning lake.

5 When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

Sermon: Matthew 8:23-34 – The Authority of Jesus Over Demons

1. Jesus shows compassion

2. Jesus shows authority

3. Jesus shows us our greatest fears

Hymn: Praise! 287

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
this the Father's pleasure,
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light;
suns and moons in orbit,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
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.

Caroline M Noel (1817-1877)

4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour,
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
evermore to reign;
rulers of the nations
at his throne shall bow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Closing Prayer