

# Yateley Baptist Church, Sunday 2 May 2021

## Opening Prayer

### **Hymn: Praise! 258**

'Great is thy faithfulness', O God my father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail  
not;  
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

*'Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy  
faithfulness!'  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided-  
'Great is thy faithfulness', Lord, unto me!*

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and  
harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### **Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7, NIV**

Here is a trustworthy saying: whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. <sup>5</sup> (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup> He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

## **Hymn: Praise! 724**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

*Stuart Townend*

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
you're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the risen one, heaven's champion  
and you reign, you reign over all!*

3 I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers will share one  
song  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

## **Sermon: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 – Eldership: A Noble Call**

*"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task" (1)*

### **1. A Noble Aspiration**

### **2. Noble Qualifications**

## **Hymn: New Christian Hymns 281**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body  
lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph  
sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

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3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of  
life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy  
deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home  
above!

*Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)*  
*tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

## **Prayer**

### **Hymn: Praise! 324**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus, the name that calms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
this music in the sinner's ears  
is life and health and peace.

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **Closing Prayer**